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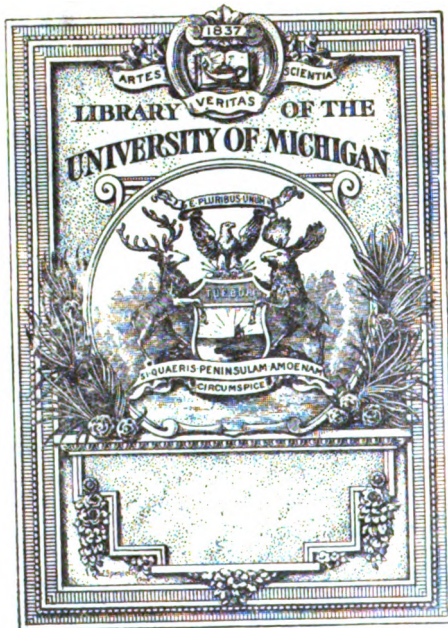
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE U. S.

*Including the Amendments adopted at the Communications of 1844,
1845, and 1846.*

CONSTITUTION.

Whereas, it has been found expedient and of great importance to mankind, to perpetuate those institutions which confer on them great and essential benefit; Therefore, the Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, for the more effectual purpose of binding each other in the bond of one common Union, by which we will be enabled to insure a co-operation of action, and of providing for the best interest of our beloved Order, based, as it is, upon the permanent principles of Universal Benevolence, Friendship and Philanthropy, and to secure unto ourselves and posterity more effectually the blessings which are to be derived from so valuable and beneficial an institution, do ordain and establish the following as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.

Done in the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, on this fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

ARTICLE I.

This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the "Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America," and possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship, over the territories comprising the Federal Government of the United States. It is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd-Fellowship in the United States of America. All State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Encamp-

ments assemble under its warrant, and derive their authority from it. With it is placed the power to enact such laws and regulations as shall be for the good of the Order in general. It is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to the State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments are to be referred, and its decision thereon shall be final and conclusive—and with the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of a State, District or Territory, may receive an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment: such consent, however, not being necessary, in a case when an expelled Lodge or Encampment, after having delivered up its effects, appeals from the decision of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment. To it belongs the power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto; to fix and determine the customs and usages, in regard to all things which concern Odd-Fellowship. This Grand Lodge has inherent power to establish Lodges and Encampments in foreign countries where no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment exists. Such Lodges and Encampments shall work by virtue of a warrant granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE II.

The Members of this Grand Lodge shall be, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Chaplain, and the Representatives from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, acting under legal, unreclaimed warrants granted by this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

The elective officers shall be, Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected biennially, at the stated meetings of this Grand Lodge in September, except the Grand Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected during the pleasure of this Grand Lodge; and who shall be duly installed, and enter on the duties of their office, at the stated meeting next ensuing their election. The Right Worthy Grand Marshal, Right Worthy Grand Guardian, and Right Worthy Grand Chaplain, shall be nominated by the Grand Sire; if approved of by the Grand

Lodge, they shall be installed at the stated meeting next ensuing the election of Grand Officers. If, however, any of the above elective officers shall fail to appear to be installed into their respective offices at the time provided, the particular office shall be declared vacant, and the Grand Lodge shall, in that event, proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy, and the officer or officers so elected, shall be accordingly installed. They shall attend each meeting of the Grand Lodge, and perform such duties as are enjoined by the laws and regulations of the Order, and such as may be required by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE IV.

The Grand Sire shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, preserve order and enforce the laws thereof. He shall have the casting vote whenever the Lodge shall be equally divided; but shall not vote on any other occasion. During the recess of this Grand Lodge he shall have a general superintendence of the interests of the Order, and make report to the next stated meeting of his acts and doings in relation thereto. He shall not hold any elective office in any State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, while acting as Grand Sire.

ARTICLE V.

The Deputy Grand Sire shall open and close the meetings of the Grand Lodge, support the Grand Sire by his advice and assistance, and preside in his absence; and in the absence of the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Lodge shall elect a Grand Sire, *pro tempore*.

ARTICLE VI.

SEC. 1. The Grand Recording Secretary shall make a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a book provided for that purpose; summon the members to attend at stated and special meetings; keep accounts between the Grand Lodge, and the Grand or Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under its jurisdiction; he shall read all petitions, reports and communications, and perform such other duties as the Grand Lodge may from time to time require. He shall receive for his services such sum of money as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

SEC. 2. The Grand Corresponding Secretary shall write all letters and communications, and carry on, under the direction of the Grand

Lodge or Grand Sire, the correspondence; and transact such business of this Grand Lodge, appertaining to his office, as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge, during his continuance in office. All communications transmitted or received by him, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge for its decision.

ARTICLE VII.

The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Lodge. He shall lay before the Grand Lodge, at its stated meeting in September, a true and correct statement of his accounts.

ARTICLE VIII.

Past Grand Sires shall be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge, and be entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge, *Provided*, they be not Representatives.

ARTICLE IX.

The Grand Guardian shall prove every brother before he admits him, and allow no one to depart without the pass-word.

ARTICLE X.

Representatives from Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments must be Past-Grands, in good standing, who have received the R. P. Degree—they must have been elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment they represent, and be furnished with a certificate as follows:

*To the Grand Lodge of the United States,
of the I. O. O. F., F. L. T.*

This certifies, that P. G. ———, has been duly appointed (or elected,) Representative from the Grand Lodge, (or Grand Encampment,) of ———, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the period of one year from the date hereof.

Witness our hands and the seal of Grand ———, this — day of ———
A. D. 18—.

[SEAL.]

[Or as the case may be,]

[SEAL.]

G. Master.

G. Secretary.

G. P.

G. Scribe.

No brother shall represent a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment in this Grand Lodge, unless he resides in the State, District or Territory where the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of which he offers himself as a Representative, is located.

Each Representative shall be entitled to vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge, in the manner following, to wit: Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having less than one thousand members, one vote; and each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having more than one thousand members, one additional vote; the annual returns of the several Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments to determine the number of votes each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment is entitled to. No officer of this Grand Lodge, unless he be a Representative, shall be permitted to vote, except in the case of Grand Sire, or Past Grand Sires, as herein before provided; and no Representative shall represent more than one Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment at the same time.

ARTICLE XI.

The Grand Lodge of the United States shall meet annually on the third Monday in September, and on its own adjournments; and *especially*, on the call of the Grand Sire. When the purpose of meeting is the granting of a charter, the Grand Sire may convene the Grand Lodge upon causing two weeks' notice to be given to the Representatives of the different Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and communicating to them the special purpose thereof. In other special cases, the Grand Sire shall cause two months' notice to be given to the different State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called. In no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, except notice thereof shall be given as above stated. The hour of meeting shall be nine o'clock, A. M., and in such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine.

ARTICLE XII.

The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

- 1st. Fees for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charter, \$30.
- 2d. Fees for charter for Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, working under its immediate jurisdiction, \$30.

3d. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, holding warrants from this Lodge, 10 per cent. on their receipts.

4th. Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, viz: \$20 per annum, for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Lodge.

ARTICLE XIII.

In case of death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal of the Grand Sire to serve, the duties of the office shall be performed by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire until the next stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, when an election shall be had for Grand Sire. And in case of the death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal to serve of any elective or appointed officer, the Grand Sire shall appoint some qualified brother to perform the duties until the next stated meeting, when an election or appointment, as the case may require, shall be had.

ARTICLE XIV.

Each Grand Lodge and each Grand Encampment, working under an unreclaimed warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, may by its Representative, nominate a candidate for the office of Grand Sire, and also a candidate for the office of Deputy Grand Sire. The candidate thus nominated must be a Past Grand Master, who shall have received the R. P. Degree, and be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge—a majority of all the votes given shall be necessary to elect a Grand Sire or Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE XV.

A majority of Representatives of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall be necessary to form a quorum for the transaction of business. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the votes given.

ARTICLE XVI.

By-Laws, in conformity with this Constitution, may be made, which shall not be altered or amended, unless such amendment be made at a stated meeting, and be assented to by two-thirds of the votes given.

ARTICLE XVII.

Any alteration or amendment to this Constitution must be offered

to this Grand Lodge, in writing, at a stated meeting thereof, and if seconded, it shall be entered on the minutes; at the next stated meeting the amendments may be considered, and if agreed to by two-thirds of the votes given, shall become a part of the Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. Upon the petition of five brothers of the Order in good standing, praying for a charter to open a Subordinate Lodge in a State, District, or Territory, where a Grand Lodge has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All Subordinate Lodges receiving a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be opened by a Past-Grand of the Order, regularly deputized therefor by the Grand Sire, who shall deliver to such Lodge the warrant and charge books, and shall at the opening thereof, give all necessary instruction. Such Lodge shall be visited, at least once a year by the Grand Sire, or some Past-Grand deputized by him for that purpose, or by a District Deputy Grand Sire.

ARTICLE 2. Upon the petition of seven qualified members of the Order, in good standing, praying for a warrant to open an Encampment in a State, District or Territory, where a Grand Encampment has not been established, this Lodge may grant the same. All Encampments receiving a warrant from this Grand Lodge shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or by a qualified Patriarch, who shall deliver to such Encampment the warrant and charge books, and such instructions as may be necessary. Such Encampment shall be visited, at least once a year, by the Grand Sire, District Deputy Grand Sire, or by some Patriarch deputized by him for that purpose.

ARTICLE 3. Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under a warrant from this Grand Lodge, shall transmit to the Grand Recording Secretary, regular quarterly reports of their receipts, and shall embody in said reports the same information as provided for State Grand Lodges, in Article 11, of these Laws, together with the per centum due this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 4. Three or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, located in any State, District or Territory, where a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has not been established, having seven Past-Grands or Past C. Patriarchs, in good standing, may petition the Grand

Lodge of the United States, in writing, praying for the charter of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in such State, District or Territory, which, if approved of by a majority of the votes given, shall be granted; and such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, shall be opened by the Grand Sire, or some qualified brother or Patriarch, whom he shall deputize for that purpose.

ARTICLE 5. All applications for charters for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, must be by vote of a majority of the Lodges or Encampments within the State, District or Territory, as follows: when three or more Lodges or Encampments shall agree in the opinion that a Grand Lodge or Encampment will contribute to the general interest, notice thereof shall be given to all the Lodges or Encampments in the State, District or Territory, inviting them to meet in consultation, at some convenient time and place. Each Lodge or Encampment shall appoint one or more of its Past-Grands or Patriarchs, as Representatives, to meet in convention and consider the propriety of applying for a Grand Charter as well as to determine upon the place for the erection of the Grand Lodge or Encampment; (both of which questions shall be decided by a majority vote, which majority vote must represent at least three Lodges or Encampments.) Should any Lodge or Encampment neglect or refuse to send a Representative, or should the Representative, from accident or other cause, fail to attend, it shall not operate to defeat the proceedings of such as may assemble, provided a sufficient number be present to comply with the preceding requirements. Each Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall furnish to its Representative, a statement, under the seal of the Lodge or Encampment, of the number of Past-Grands or Past-Chief Patriarchs in good standing, belonging to it. At the meeting of these Representatives the vote shall be by Lodges or Encampments, and the application shall be in the following form, to wit:

To the Grand Sire, Officers and Members of the

Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.

The petition of ——— Lodge, (or Encampment,) No. 1, ——— No. 2, ——— No. 3, of ——— respectfully represent, that at present they work under warrants granted by your honorable body; that the Order has increased in the ——— and at present they have ——— Past-Grands (or Past C. Patriarchs) in good standing. They are of the opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order if a Grand

Lodge (or Grand Encampment) was established in the ——. They therefore pray your honorable Lodge to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge (or Grand Encampment) in the State of ——— to be located at ———.

Witness our hands and seals this — day of —, A. D. 18—.

A. B. *Representative of No. 1.*

C. D. *Representative of No. 2.*

E. F. *Representative of No. 3.*

ARTICLE 6. All travelling and other expenses of the Grand Sire, Past-Grand or Patriarch, deputized by him to open a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.

ARTICLE 7. Applications for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments must be accompanied by the fee for the same, which shall be returned if the charter is not granted.

ARTICLE 8. No more than one Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be chartered in any State, District or Territory.

ARTICLE 9. Each Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have a Grand Seal, an impression whereof in wax shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE 10. The Constitution of each Grand and Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on its adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval.

ARTICLE 11. Annual returns shall be made by each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give full information of the number of members in good standing, names of Grand Officers, Past-Grand Officers, number of initiations, rejections, suspensions and cause, expulsions and cause, admissions by card, withdrawal by card, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for relief of widows and orphans, amount expended for education of orphans, whole amount of receipts; forms for which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Recording Secretary, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon, in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this body is held.

ARTICLE 12. No Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which shall be in arrears more than one year for dues to this Grand Lodge, shall be allowed to vote by its Representative.

ARTICLE 13. During the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, and Grand Recording Secretary shall be authorized to grant dispensations to open Grand Lodges or Encampments, or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments; which shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge for approval and confirmation at its next annual meeting.

ARTICLE 14. The Grand Sire shall, through the Grand Representatives, at each session of the Grand Lodge, forward immediately, a yearly pass-word to the Grand Master of each Grand Lodge, the Grand Patriarch of each Grand Encampment, and to the N. G. of Subordinate Lodges, and the C. P. of Encampments working under this jurisdiction; and the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch shall communicate the same to the N. G's of the several Lodges and the C. P's of Encampments in his State, District or Territory. The said yearly P. W. to go into operation on the first day of January in each and every year.

ARTICLE 15. No person shall hold membership in more than one Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment at the same time; nor shall any Lodge or Encampment confer degrees upon any member of another Lodge or Encampment without the consent of the Lodge or Encampment to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

ARTICLE 16. When a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have been duly chartered in any State, District or Territory, all the Lodges and Encampments in said State, District or Territory, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall thereafter be declared subordinate to, and under the jurisdiction of, the Grand Lodge or Encampment of the State, District or Territory in which they are located; and no Lodge or Encampment situated in one State, District or Territory can be made subordinate to the Grand Lodge or Encampment of another State, District or Territory.

ARTICLE 17. No brother can be admitted to visit, or deposit his card in a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District or Territory where he resides, unless he present a card or certificate under the signature of the officers and seal of the Lodge of which he is a member, and endorsed with his name, in his own proper hand writing,

and prove himself in the travelling P. W. and in the Degree in which the Lodge is open. *Provided, nevertheless*, a brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative, or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.*

ARTICLE 18. At each Annual Session the Grand Sire shall appoint, in each State, District and Territory in which there is not a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, an officer to be styled "District Deputy Grand Sire," whose duty it shall be to act as the special agent of this Grand Lodge, in relation to the matters herein specified, viz:

1. To act for the Grand Sire, and by his direction to perform whatever may have been ordered to be done by the Grand Lodge of the U. States, in the particular District for which the D. D. Grand Sire may be appointed.

2. To act as the Representative of this Grand Lodge, and perform all such matters relating to the Order in his District as the Grand Sire shall direct.

3. To give instructions in the A. T. P. W. to the proper officers of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of his State, and to give full and complete instruction in all the pass-words and signs of the various degrees, and see that the work is uniform.

4. To obey all special instructions of the Grand Sire in relation to any thing which that officer is required to do for the good of the Order.

5. To act as the agent of the Grand Secretary, and obey the special directions of that officer.

6. To have a general supervision over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments (in his District) which work under charters granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

7. To make semi-annual reports of his acts and doings to the Grand Sire.

8. D. D. Grand Sires shall in no case interfere, as officers of this Grand Lodge, with the State Grand Lodges or Encampments.

* When a visiting brother presents himself at the door of a Lodge, it is his duty to hand his Card to the Guardian, that it may be placed in possession of the Lodge. If the Lodge be satisfied of its authenticity they will thereupon appoint a committee of three members, all of whom must have received the scarlet degree, to proceed to the ante-room and examine the visiting brother. One member of this committee must be the Noble Grand himself, or Vice, or sitting Past-Grand, or some other brother known to be in possession of the T. P. W., whose especial duty it shall be, *first*, to obtain the said T. P. W., privately from the visitor, whose duty it shall be to commence by letters. This preliminary being settled, the committee will then proceed to examine the visitor in the degree in which the Lodge is open, and will report their judgment to the Lodge. If the visitor be received, he will work his way in.—*Journal G. L. U. S.*, 1844, p. 86.

When a visiting Brother shall have proven himself entitled to admission, in the mode pointed out, (as in above extract,) he shall be introduced to the Lodge by the examining committee.—*Journal G. L. U. S.*, 1846, p. 306.

9. To qualify a brother for the appointment of D. D. Grand Sire, he must be a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and Encampment, and must have attained the rank of P. G. and R. P. D.; and in States where Grand Encampments may be established, he must also be a member of such Grand Encampment. The appointments of D. D. Grand Sires shall be made at each Annual Session, to continue for one year; but they may be revoked for cause during the recess, by the Grand Sire.

ARTICLE 19. The Representative of each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be examined by the D. G. Sire as to his qualifications for the office, previous to taking his seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States. On taking his seat he shall be furnished by the Grand Recording Secretary, with a copy of the Constitution, Rules of Order, and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. His expenses shall be paid by his Grand Lodge or Encampment, and should he neglect or refuse to attend the meetings of this Lodge, when duly notified, he shall be fined five dollars, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE 20. Each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall furnish its Representative with all documents and papers necessary in the discharge of the duties of his office.

ARTICLE 21. Each State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually, be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, for its own use; and an equal number to be distributed among its Subordinates. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Encampment and Lodge working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect, at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 22. All dues and moneys for this Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Grand Recording Secretary, and by him be immediately paid over to the Grand Treasurer, who shall give his receipt for the same.

ARTICLE 23. All State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall enforce upon their Subordinates a strict adherence to the work of the Order, according to the forms furnished by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and shall be held responsible for any irregularities that they may allow under their jurisdiction.

They shall neither adopt or use, or suffer to be adopted or used in their jurisdiction, any other charges, lectures, degrees, ceremonies, forms of installation, or regalia, than those prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

ARTICLE 24. All Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under this jurisdiction may, at all times, open and close their regular meetings with prayer.

ARTICLE 25. The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit:

Aprons and collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematic color of the degree intended to be represented, *i. e.* first degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of which trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of N. G., scarlet sashes; of the V. G., blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash. The aprons of the elective and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office.

Past-Grands shall wear scarlet collars or sashes, and aprons either white, trimmed with scarlet, or scarlet, trimmed with white. The aprons and collars or sashes of Past-Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe, and those having attained to the R. P. Degree may have trimmings of yellow metal. The Grand Officers and Past-Grands of Grand Lodges shall wear the regalia of Past-Grands as above defined.

The Encampment regalia shall be black aprons and gloves, and of those Patriarchs who have attained to the R. P. Degree, purple collars, and the aprons and collars trimmed with yellow lace or fringe.

ARTICLE 26. All expenses of this Grand Lodge shall be paid by an order drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer, signed by the Grand Sire, and attested by the Grand Recording Secretary, the same being authorized by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE 27. The installation of officers in Subordinate Lodges shall be conducted only in manner and form as provided by the Installation Books.

ARTICLE 28. At the appointed hour, the Grand Sire shall take the

Chair and organize the meeting by directing the Grand Recording Secretary to call the names of the officers of this Grand Lodge. After which, the Secretary shall make report of the number of Representatives present. When, if a quorum be present, the Grand Sire shall call on the Grand Chaplain to address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer. The Deputy Grand Sire shall then examine the Representatives present, and report to the Grand Sire, and if correct, the Grand Sire shall direct the members to clothe themselves with their regalia and take their seats; after which the Deputy Grand Sire, at the request of the Grand Sire, shall proclaim the Lodge duly opened. The business of the session shall then be taken up as provided in the Rules of Order; and when the business is concluded, the Grand Chaplain shall offer a prayer, and the Deputy Grand Sire shall proclaim the Grand Lodge duly closed.

ARTICLE 29. State Grand Lodges are prohibited from conferring the Grand Lodge Degree for a pecuniary consideration, with a view to increasing their revenue, or for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair—the said degree having been designed as a reward for faithful service in the Subordinate Lodges, and cannot legitimately be reached by any other means.

ARTICLE 30. State Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments shall provide laws to protect their brethren in adjoining or distant States, by prohibiting the Subordinates under their jurisdiction from initiating persons at places remote from their permanent residence, while Lodges and Encampments are known to be located in their immediate neighborhood.

ARTICLE 31. Past officers of every description, and members in possession of the Encampment degrees, and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degrees which they have taken, if they think proper to appear in such regalia.

ARTICLE 32. The A. T. P. W. is designed only for the use of brethren who are travelling beyond the limits of the jurisdiction to which they belong; and in order that each brother may be properly instructed in it, and visiting brethren from other jurisdictions properly examined, the two highest elective officers of a Lodge and the C. P. and S. W. of an Encampment, are to be privately put in possession

of the word at the time of their installation, that they may be qualified either to confer or receive it. The Grand Master and Grand Patriarch of a State, and their regular Deputies, should of course also be in possession of it.

ARTICLE 33. Any alterations or amendments to these By-Laws must be proposed in writing, at a regular annual communication, and may be considered and acted upon the same session, but not on the day they are offered.

ARTICLE 34. All former laws and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of these general laws are hereby repealed.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE GRAND LODGE OF I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.—*Style and Title.*

FIRST SECTION.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "The GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN," and shall consist, *only* of the Past-Grand Masters in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges in this State, Officers formally installed, and the Representatives of Lodges regularly chosen, and duly admitted, as required by this Constitution.

Powers.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, within the State of Michigan, and is the supreme tribunal of the Order, in its jurisdiction. No Lodge can be formed or continue to exist without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power of granting Charters; of suspending and taking away Charters, at pleasure, for proper cause; of receiving appeals, and redressing grievances arising in Lodges; of originating and regulating the means of its own support; and of doing all such other acts, as are promotive of the interests of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERS.—*Qualifications for Membership.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Members of this Grand Lodge shall be Past-Grand Masters in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges in this State, Officers formally installed, and Past-Grands, who have been duly and regularly elected as Representatives of Lodges in conformity with this Constitution, who shall receive the Grand Lodge Degree before taking their seats as Members.

Clause 2d. Upon the elevation of any Member of the Grand Lodge to any elective office, his seat as Representative shall be vacated, and the Subordinate Lodge, which he represents, shall fill the vacancy by a new election.

Clause 3d. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Representative in the Grand Lodge. Every Lodge having fifty Members shall be entitled to two Representatives, and one Representative additional for every fifty Members. Every Past-Grand on certificate of his Lodge, shall be entitled to receive his degrees, and attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Election of Members.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1st. Each Subordinate shall at the last meeting in June of each year, elect by ballot, from among the Past-Grands who are in good standing, such number of them as the Lodge is entitled to, to serve as Representatives for one year from the third Wednesday of July ensuing.

Clause 2d. Subordinates may at any time elect from among their qualified members, such additional Representatives as they may be entitled to, to serve until the next annual election; but such election shall not be had until the regular meeting after that on which the nomination shall have been made.

Clause 3d. Subordinate Lodges not having a qualified Past-Grand to serve as Representative, may choose in the same manner, and for the same term, or for a less term, any qualified Past-Grand of another Lodge, as a proxy Representative, who shall be invested with full powers as a Representative of the Subordinate so choosing, for the time being.

Clause 4th. No Member shall act as Representative and proxy Representative at the same time; nor shall any act as proxy for more than one Subordinate at the same time.

Of Expulsions.

THIRD SECTION.

Any member or P. G. permitted to attend the sessions of the G. L. being guilty of conduct derogatory to the Order, in or out of the Grand Lodge, on being regularly convicted, shall be expelled from his seat as Representative and prevented from visiting the Grand Lodge; the expulsion to continue in force, until the expiration of the then current

official term. But should he be again elected to membership, after the expiration of the said official term, he shall not be liable to the previously had action of the Grand Lodge—or to a new action for the same offence. The mode of trial in the Grand Lodge shall be the same as in Subordinates.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.—*Officers and mode of Election.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The elective Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

- 1st. M. W. Grand Master.
- 2d. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- 3d. R. W. Grand Warden.
- 4th. R. W. Grand Secretary.
- 5th. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- 6th. R. W. Grand Chaplain.

7th. R. W. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States. Who shall be elected by ballot, annually, at the session in July.

Clause 2d. The appointed officers shall consist of,

- 1st. W. Grand Marshal.
- 2d. W. Grand Conductor.
- 3d. W. Grand Guardian.
- 4th. And a W. District Deputy Grand Master for each District.

All of which shall be appointed annually by the M. W. Grand Master, by and with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Duty of Officers.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Most Worthy Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge; he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine; all questions of order, however, shall be subject to an appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge; he shall appoint all Grand Officers, *pro tempore*, and all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge; he shall give the casting vote in all cases, when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except when the vote is taken by Representation, in which case he shall be allowed a voice in the Representation to which he belongs; he shall appoint all Grand Officers, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for; he may order Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge, whenever the good of the

Order may appear to require it, and shall call a Special Session, on the written request of seven members. After any sum of money has been voted, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same; he, or any of his Deputies, may grant dispensations, on the application of a Lodge, to confer degrees on a member, without delay; and, when officially visiting the Subordinates, he shall be received with the honors of the Order.

Clause 2d. The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master shall support the M. W. Grand Master in presiding, and, in his absence, shall fill the Chair for him. In the event of the resignation, death or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall become, *ex officio*, Grand Master, until the next Regular Session thereafter, and until the installation of a Grand Master.

Clause 3d. The Right Worthy Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge; he shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door—and, in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside; and he shall, *ex officio*, confer degrees on all Past-Officers qualified to receive them.

Clause 4th. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at every meeting, and transmit, immediately after the closing of the Regular Sessions, semi-annually, to the Subordinates, printed copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates; receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge therefrom, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer immediately; he shall notify each of the Subordinates of all the Regular and Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge, at least four weeks previous to the time of meeting; he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge may direct; he shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Returns; and, for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be entitled to such salary as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

Clause 5th. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary; he shall make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; he shall keep the accounts in a fair and

legible manner; exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts; the purposes and amounts of disbursements, and to whom paid; and he shall have his accounts closed at every Regular Session, and submit them to the Grand Lodge. He shall transmit, by the Grand Secretary, semi-annually, to the Subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts; and he shall execute to the first three named Grand Officers, in trust, bonds, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of the trust.

Clause 6th. The Right Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the Sessions of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of opening and closing the same, according to his office.

Clause 7th. The Right Worthy Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and faithfully represent the wishes of the Grand Lodge therein; and they shall be entitled to a sum sufficient to bear their necessary expenses, while in attendance on their duties; and they shall be furnished with certificates of election, in the form required by Article X. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Clause 8th. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall assist the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in supporting the M. W. Grand Master in the Grand Lodge; he shall attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the Subordinates, when requested to do so by that officer; issue his proclamations, when necessary, and obey his commands; and he shall have charge of all Grand Processions.

Clause 9th. The Worthy Grand Conductor shall assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and in preserving order therein.

Clause 10th. The Worthy Grand Guardian shall attend at the outward door of the Grand Lodge, and permit none to enter or depart, without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

Clause 11th. The Worthy District Deputy Grand Masters shall be the organs of the Grand Master, with the Subordinates, in their respective districts; each shall have power to grant Dispensations to Lodges in his district, for conferring degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted, when circumstances require it; and it shall be their duty to see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly—to install the Officers of the Lodges under their charge, or cause it to be done by qualified Past-Grands, unless the same shall be done by the G. M. in person. They shall visit all Lodges in their jurisdiction at least

once in each term, and see that the work is done correctly; they shall see that the Subordinates in their Districts, respectively, forward to the Grand Secretary the Reports required by the Grand Lodge, in due time; and report, semi-annually, to the Grand Master in writing. The Grand Master shall lay the Reports before the Grand Lodge, at the next regular meeting.

Clause 12th. All Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this Constitution, perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

Qualifications for Office.

THIRD SECTION.

Any Past-Grand in good standing, under the jurisdiction of this Lodge, having received the Grand Lodge and all the Official Degrees, shall be eligible for any Grand Office, except for Grand Representative, for which he shall not be eligible unless he has attained the R. P. Degree; and no Brother shall be eligible to two Elective Offices at the same time.

Mode of Election.

FOURTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. On the day of election, each member of this Grand Lodge shall deposit a ballot for a Candidate for the Office to be filled; the ballots shall then be counted, and the three Brothers having the highest number of ballots, shall be the Candidates.

Clause 2d. All Elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately by a majority of the valid votes given. If neither Candidate has such a majority, the balloting shall be continued, but the Candidate having the lowest number, shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot.

Clause 3d. In balloting, the Grand Secretary shall call the Roll, beginning with the P. G. Masters by seniority, the Officers elect in rotation, Appointed Officers, Lodge No. 1, and continue in the order of Lodges successively. Each Representative shall deposit his vote when the name of his Lodge is called; and should there be more ballots than voters, the balloting shall be void, and a new one shall be had.

Installation.

FIFTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Grand Officers shall be installed at any time during the session, that the Grand Lodge may determine. The present

Grand Master, or any Past-Grand Master, or the senior member present, shall install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

Clause 2d. All Grand Officers shall be installed to serve until the next Annual Session, and the installation of their successors.

Removal.

SIXTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office, for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his Office; but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present, shall be necessary for removal.

Clause 2d. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Should the Grand Master be under charges, a Past-Grand Master, if one be present, shall preside, while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration.

Vacancies.

SEVENTH SECTION.

All vacancies in the offices, occasioned by death, resignation or removal, shall be filled in the manner heretofore prescribed, and for the residue of the term.

Standing Committees.

EIGHTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. There shall be appointed at each Annual Session, the following standing committees, viz:

- 1st. Committee on Elections and Returns.
- 2d. Committee on Finance.
- 3d. Committee on Correspondence.
- 4th. Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 2d. The Committee on Elections and Returns shall consist of the Grand Secretary and two members who shall be appointed by the Grand Master who is holding over, or the incumbent of the Chair at the time of the opening of the session; and it shall be its duty to examine and report to the Grand Lodge without delay, on the regularity of the returns of the Subordinates, on the election and eligibility of members, and on the number of Past-Grands holding regular certificates from Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 3d. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge; and whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge; to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer semi-annually, and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

Clause 4th. The Committee on correspondence shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be, to examine and report on all correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and to suggest any measures in the nature of the business of their appointment.

Clause 5th. Every matter of appeal or grievance from Lodges or members of Lodges, shall be referred to a Special Committee, subject to the challenge, for reasons given, of either party interested; whose duty it shall be, to investigate fully, and report thereon, such action as may be necessary, in the Grand Lodge; and if the report of such Committee be in favor of a new trial by a Committee of the Grand Lodge, such Committee appointed in pursuance thereof, shall be subject to the challenge of either party interested, for cause shown.

Clause 6th. The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of three members, appointed by the Grand Master, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge; whose duty it shall be, carefully to inspect and examine all Constitutions and By-Laws submitted to the Grand Lodge by Subordinate Lodges, and determine whether they are in conformity with the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge, and with the usages of the Order, and report accordingly to the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

OF SESSIONS, &c.—Sessions.

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Grand Lodge shall hold two Regular Sessions in each year, viz: on the third Wednesdays of July and January, respectively; the first of which shall be distinguished as the Annual Session, the other as Semi-Annual Session. The Grand Lodge shall hold Special Sessions, at the call of the Grand Master, and, during any of the Sessions, it may adjourn from time to time, until the business of the Session shall be disposed of. And all Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held at the city of Detroit.

Clause 2d. At the "*Annual Session*," the Subordinates shall have their reports, returns and sums due, presented as required by these Articles; new members shall be admitted to their seats; the Grand Officers shall be elected; and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge may be transacted.

Clause 3d. At the "*Semi-Annual Session*" the reports, returns and dues of Subordinates, as required to be delivered by these Articles, shall be received and acted on; new members shall be admitted by certificate from Subordinate Lodges; and any other business transacted, which may come before the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4th. At "*Special Sessions*" no business shall be transacted except that for which the Session has been called, which shall be distinctly stated in the notification to Lodges; but no business at a Special Session shall be so acted on, as to involve the expenditure of money, unless three-fourths of the legal Representatives be present.

Clause 5th. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened, unless there be present and continue in session, *seven* members, and such *seven* members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Working Degrees.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, at all times when engaged in any business of the Order, unless when installing Grand Officers, when, by resolution, it may be opened in the Scarlet degree, for the duration of that ceremony, in order to permit the presence of brothers of that rank in the Order.

Votes.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1st. All questions before the Grand Lodge, except those of removal from office, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the members present; unless when the Representations of two Subordinates require the vote to be taken by Representations; in which case it shall be determined by a majority of Representations of Lodges present: *Provided, however,* That no election of Grand Officers shall take place by Representations in any case.

Clause 2d. The Representation of each Lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge, at the then Session, *fifty members* or more, in full membership, shall be entitled to *two votes*; and that of each which has reported a less number, shall be entitled to *one vote*, when

questions are determined by Representations ; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the Representatives of each Subordinate separately, and a majority of those present shall be deemed the vote of the Lodge they represent. When the members of a Representation are equally divided on any question, the Lodge they represent shall be deemed as not giving a vote. The ayes and noes shall be recorded when the vote is taken by Representations.

ARTICLE V.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—*Duties &c.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. On the written application of five or more brothers of the Order, at least two of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, praying for a charter to open a Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same ; and on the payment of *thirty dollars* therefor, such Lodge shall receive its Charter, and the necessary charges, lectures and instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, or the W. D. D. Grand Master of the district in which it may be located, or by a Past-Grand specially deputed, whose expenses, if any, shall be borne by the Lodge so opened.

Clause 2d. At the end of each term all Lodges shall prepare a report for the Grand Lodge, to be presented at the succeeding Regular Session, containing the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, reinstated and deceased ; together with the number of Degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of the receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 3d. At the Annual Session, each Lodge shall report, in addition, up to the first day of July, annually, a full return of members, ranked according to Degrees taken ; and a statement of the number of brothers relieved, widowed families relieved, and brothers buried, and the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans.

Clause 4th. No Lodge shall admit a proposition from, or initiate any person, unless he be twenty-one years of age.

Dues.

SECOND SECTION.

Each Subordinate shall pay to the Grand Lodge, semi-annually, as dues, *ten per centum* on all amounts received for initiation, depositing cards, degrees and dues ; and it is expressly provided that the Grand Lodge shall not have claims on any sums received as interest on investments, or widow and orphan fund, or education tax, or special donations. And in case the funds of the Grand Lodge shall fail, the deficiency shall be made up by assessments on the Subordinates.

Districts.

THIRD SECTION.

The Grand Lodge shall, as occasion may require, arrange the Subordinates into convenient Districts, for the more advantageous administration of the superintending powers of the Grand Master ; and to define the extent, over which the W. D. D. Grand Masters exercise their functions.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.—*Constitution.*

FIRST SECTION.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution, except at the Annual Session, and unless the same has been proposed in writing and seconded at a previous Regular Session, in which case it may be passed by the votes of three-fourths of the members present.

By-Laws, &c.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge may adopt, or amend, at any Regular Session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order for the governing thereof, as two-thirds of the members present shall approve, to take effect after the close of the Session, at which they may be adopted : *Provided*, Such Laws and Rules shall not, in any way, contravene this Constitution, or violate the principles of the Order.

ARTICLE VII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FIRST SECTION.

The M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Warden and the R. W. Grand Secretary shall form an Executive Committee, with power

to receive and act on petitions for establishing Lodges, presented in the intervals of the Sessions; and the M. W. Grand Master may, at the request of a majority of said Committee, issue Dispensations for the same, which shall be valid, if confirmed at the next Regular Session of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF CHARTERS OF SUBORDINATES.

FIRST SECTION.

The M. W. Grand Master, in addition to the powers heretofore granted, shall have the power to demand the Charter of any Subordinate Lodge, whenever he shall see sufficient cause so to do, and the work of such Subordinate Lodge shall be suspended, until the case shall be considered by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.

CONSTITUTION.

When to take Effect, &c.

This Constitution shall go into effect from and after the Regular Session in January, 1847.

The Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall, upon receipt of this Constitution, proceed to elect from among their Past-Grands, duly qualified, such number of Representatives as they may be entitled to, according to their report to this Grand Lodge, for the term ending December 31, 1846, to serve until the third Wednesday in July, 1847; such election to be had in the manner prescribed in Article 2, Section 2, Clause 2, for the election of additional Representatives.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The R. W. Grand Lodge will convene at the Annual and Semi-Annual Sessions, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the Session is completed, unless otherwise ordered, specially, by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Within thirty minutes after the time of meeting, the presiding Grand Master shall proceed to open the Grand Lodge, should

there be a quorum present; and, at the expiration of that time, should there not be a quorum, the members assembled can organize informally, and adjourn the meeting until the next day, at the hour specified in Section First.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, the Chair may be taken, *pro tem.*, by any member of the Grand Lodge, who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 4. The Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE II.

OF SUBORDINATES.

SEC. 1. Should any Subordinate Lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article 5, Clause 2, of the Constitution, for one year, it shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its Charter shall be forfeited. It shall be the duty of the Subordinates to make out their Regular Returns, and deliver them to the Installing Officer previous to installation.

SEC. 2. The funds, properties, &c., of Subordinate Lodges, having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren, and other charitable uses in the order, are not liable to be divided, in any manner, among the members individually, or between one Lodge and another, that may branch from it, but shall remain, for its legitimate purposes, the property of the Lodge, so long as its Charter is unreclaimed, and five brothers remain in good standing in the Lodge.

SEC. 3. In all cases where a Lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its Charters shall have been forfeited, the Charter, funds, books, properties, and effects of all kinds, shall revert to the Grand Lodge. And it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers of such Lodge, to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or to the brother by him deputed to receive them, such funds and other effects as the Lodge may have claim to.

SEC. 4. Members of a defunct Lodge, who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such Lodge, or who may have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge: *Provided,*

LODGE No. I. O. OF O. F.

**To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State
of Michigan :**

This is to certify that P. G. _____ has been elected to, and filled the offices of _____ in this Lodge, and, by a vote passed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, held on the _____ day of _____ 18____, was recommended to a seat in the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan.

In testimony whereof, we hereunto affix our hands and the seal of
[L. S.] our Lodge, this day of , 18 .

N. G.

V. G.

Attest,

Secretary.

***SEC. 9.** Any member of the Order who shall have painted on his signs any of the emblems of the Order, or otherwise exhibit them on the same, or shall have them printed or engraved on his business card, or expose them in any public place as a sign, shall (if the offence be persisted in, after the Lodge of which he is a member shall have given him notice to desist from such practice,) be suspended or expelled, agreeably to a vote of the Lodge.

SEC. 10. Subordinate Lodges shall not receive applications for membership from petitioners residing in a township or city other than that in which the Lodge is situated to which application is made, if another Lodge be located nearer their place of residence. The same rule shall hold in reference to application by deposit of card.

SEC. 11. No Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall alter its night of meeting without previously obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. No person shall have membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time; nor shall any Lodge confer Degrees upon a member of another Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master shall forward (through one of the Representatives at each Regular Session of the Grand Lodge,) a semi-annual P. W. to the N. G. of each Lodge, the said P. W. to go into operation on the first day of each term.

SEC. 3. The Constitution and By-Laws of each Lodge, chartered

by this Grand Lodge, immediately on their adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval.

COURSE OF BUSINESS.

1. The Presiding Officer having taken his station, the officers and members shall take their appropriate seats, and at the sound of the Gavel, there shall be general silence.
 2. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.
 3. The roll of Officers and Representatives shall be called.
 4. Certificates shall be received and referred to the proper standing committee for immediate action.
 5. The Side Degrees, and the Grand Lodge Degree shall be conferred upon duly qualified applicants.
 6. The minutes shall be read and disposed of.
 7. Reports of Grand Officers shall be read and referred to the appropriate standing committees.
 8. Communications shall be read, and such as are not merely formal, shall be referred to the proper standing committee.
 9. Appeals shall be presented and referred to the proper standing committee.
 10. The Subordinate Lodges shall be called in their order, and each may, through its Representative or Representatives, present any business, which shall be referred to the appropriate standing committees.
 11. The standing committees shall report in their order.
 12. Special committees shall report.
 13. Unfinished and new business shall come up.
 14. The Grand Lodge shall be closed in due form.
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RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Minutes may be confirmed in part, and the remainder shall be referred to the head of unfinished business.
2. No motion shall be open to debate until it has been seconded, and reduced to writing, and stated by the Chair.
3. Every member, when he offers a motion or speaks, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair.
4. Members shall always confine themselves, while speaking, to the

question before the Grand Lodge, avoiding personalities and indecorous language as well as reflections upon the constituted authorities of the Order, and of this Grand Lodge.

5. Should a member be called to order while speaking, he shall resume his seat until the question of order shall be decided, when if the decision be in his favor he may proceed again.

6. Should two or more members rise about the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by unanimous permission of the Grand Lodge.

8. Any member may call for a division of the question, when the same will admit thereof.

9. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed, and so down, but in other cases, the consideration of amendments shall begin with the last and end with the first.

10. When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time or to amend, and the motions enumerated shall take precedence, in the order of enumeration.

The first four shall be decided without debate.

11. When a motion or resolution has been once negatived, or indefinitely postponed, it shall not be again brought before the Grand Lodge, at the same session, but a motion to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, shall nevertheless be in order, under the rule hereinafter laid down.

12. A call for the previous question must be sanctioned by a majority of the members present, which shall be ascertained thus: The Presiding Officer shall ask: "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the main question?" And if a majority of the members present rise in answer, the question shall be immediately taken on the original proposition with the amendments already adopted.

13. Before putting a question, except under the provision of Rule 12, the Presiding Officer shall ask: "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" and if no member shall rise to speak, the question shall be put.

14. After the Presiding Officer has risen to put a question, and while he is addressing the Grand Lodge, no member of the Grand Lodge

shall attempt to speak, walk out of, or across the room, or hold private conversation.

15. No member shall be excused from voting or serving on committees, except by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

16. Except when the Laws of the Grand Lodge provide otherwise, all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes.

17. Should the decision of a question be doubtful, the Presiding Officer may, of his own motion, or on the call of any member, order a division of the Grand Lodge.

18. On the call of one-fifth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered and recorded.

19. Motions to re-consider must be made and seconded by members who voted with the majority. Such motions must be made at the same meeting with the decision objected to, or at the next meeting thereafter, and the vote on the re-consideration, shall be final.

20. Members, when speaking of other members, shall use their appropriate designations, according to standing in the Grand Lodge.

21. The decision of points of order shall be originally with the Presiding Officer, but any member may appeal from such decision of the Grand Lodge, and the question shall then be: "Is the decision of the Chair, the judgment of the Grand Lodge?" which shall be determined without debate.

VISITING BROTHERS.

Form for examination of Visiting Brothers, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Communication holden at Baltimore, September, 1844.—Ordered to be printed by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, for the information of the Lodges under its jurisdiction.

“When a visiting brother presents himself at the door of a Lodge, it is his duty to hand his card to the Guardian, that it may be placed in possession of the Lodge. If the Lodge be satisfied of its authenticity, they will thereupon appoint a committee of three members, all of whom must have received the Scarlet Degree, to proceed to the ante-room and examine the visiting brother. One member of this committee must be the Noble Grand himself, or his Vice, or sitting Past-Grand, or some other brother known to be in possession of the T. P. W., whose especial duty it shall be, *first*, to obtain the said T. P. W., privately from the visiter, whose duty it shall be to commence by letters. This preliminary being settled, the committee will then proceed to examine the visiter in the degree in which the Lodge is open, and will report their judgment to the Lodge. If the visiter be received, he will work his way in.”

This was modified by the following resolution adopted at the Session of the G. L. U. S., held Sept., 1846: (*See Journal G. L. for 1846, p. 308.*)

“*Resolved*, That when a visiting brother shall have proven himself entitled to admission, in the mode pointed out in the Report of the Committee on the state of the Order, found on p. 86 of the Journal of the G. L. of U. S. for 1844, he shall be introduced to the Lodge by the examining committee.”

PROCEEDINGS OF ORGANIZATION, &c.
OF THE
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F.
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Detroit, November 5, 1844.

The following Past-Grands assembled at Odd Fellows' Hall, at 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of constituting the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, of the I. O. of O. F.

- P. G. M. S. YORKE AT LEE, D. D. G. Sire.
- P. G. WM. DUANE WILSON, Michigan Lodge No 1.
- P. G. ADRIAN R. TERRY, Wayne Lodge No 2.
- P. G. BENJAMIN F. HALL, Michigan Lodge No. 1.
- P. G. JOHN ROBINSON, Jr., Wayne Lodge No. 2.
- P. G. WM. N. CHOATE, Jackson Lodge No. 4.

Past-Grand Master Albert Case, Grand Chaplain of the G. L. U. S., who was present for the purpose of installing the officers, after examining the credentials of the Past-Grands, declared the Lodge duly constituted.

The following officers were then unanimously elected for the ensuing term.

- P. G. WM. DUANE WILSON, M. W. Grand Master.
- P. G. WM. N. CHOATE, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- P. G. BENJAMIN F. HALL, R. W. Grand Warden.
- P. G. ADRIAN R. TERRY, R. W. Grand Secretary.
- P. G. JOHN ROBINSON, Jr., R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The officers were then installed by P. G. M. Case. The installation was concluded by a prayer by P. G. M. Case, who also delivered an appropriate address.

The M. W. Grand Master then announced the following as the appointed officers, for the ensuing term:

P. G. JOSHUA H. SMITH, W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. J. WRIGHT GORDON, W. Grand Marshal.

P. G. JOHN BACON, W. Grand Guardian.

P. G. HARTFORD JOY, W. Grand Conductor.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be authorized to procure books, stationery, &c., for the use of their respective offices.

The Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Warden, were appointed a committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for this G. Lodge.

A petition, accompanied with \$30 00, was received from Geo. R. Mowry, Robt. E. Ward, John F. Porter, E B. Ward, and D. W. Willoughby, for a charter to establish a Lodge at Niles, Berrien Co., to be called Berrien County Lodge No. 6. The Grand Secretary was authorized to inform the applicants that it is requisite for them to have their cards of withdrawal, from the Lodges to which they have respectively belonged, ready for the inspection of the Grand Master, who will be at Niles on or about the 19th instant, and also to inform them that if the cards be found correct, the application will be granted.

Resolved, That the petition of George R. Mowry and others, of Niles, Berrien County, for a charter to establish a Lodge, be granted, on condition that their cards shall be found correct by the Grand Master.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to procure a suitable frame for the Grand Lodge Charter.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will avail itself of the privilege heretofore granted by the G. L. U. S., and confer the Past-Official Degrees of Past Secretary and Past V. G. on such brethren as have served, or shall hereafter serve in the office of N. G., for the first or second terms after the formation of a Lodge.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed with plenary powers to procure a Seal and Official Regalia for this Grand Lodge. Committee, D. D. G. S., At Lee, Grand Warden, Hall, Grand Treasurer, Robinson.

Resolved. That Collars shall constitute a part of the Official Regalia of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That until a Constitution and Ly-Laws are adopted, five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Resolved, That the Grand Master and the Grand Warden be a committee to form a key to be used in communications with Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That it shall be requisite for every elective and appointed officer of this Grand Lodge to have received the R. P. degree, before his installation.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet on Wednesday, November 10, at 7 P. M.

ADRIAN R. TERRY, *Grand Secretary*.

Wednesday, November 10, 1844.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. A quorum not being present, Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

ADRIAN R. TERRY, *Grand Secretary*.

Wednesday, January 15, 1845.

Pursuant to a call from the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met at Odd Fellows' Hall, Detroit, at 7 P. M. Present, Grand Master Wilson, Grand Warden Hall, Grand Secretary Terry, Grand Treasurer Robinson.

Past Grand Joy received the Past-Official degrees.

The committee appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, made a report which was accepted, and the Constitution accompanying the report was read, and after some alterations and amendments, was adopted. (*See page 45.*)

Past Grand Kellogg, from Michigan Lodge, No. 1., presented his certificate, was admitted as a member of the G. L. and received the Past-Official degrees.

The By-Laws and Rules of Order for this Grand Lodge were then read and adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Warden and P. G. Kellogg, be a committee to draft a form for a dispensation and charter for Subordinate Lodges, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure the printing of a sufficient number of the same. And that the same committee be authorised to furnish the Grand Secretary with a form for

quarterly and yearly reports of Subordinate Lodges, to be appended to the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That each member of this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to one copy of the constitution and by-laws, each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to three copies of the same, and that any member of the Order shall be entitled to one copy on payment of 25 cents to the Grand Secretary.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be and is hereby authorised to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the following sums, viz:

Thirty dollars advanced on the 8th Nov. last, to pay the expenses of Past-Grand Master Case.

Seventy dollars and eighty-six cents advanced by the Grand Treasurer on the 8th instant, being the amount of note and interest in Michigan Insurance Co., discounted to pay expenses of Past-Grand Master Case.

One dollar and thirty cents advanced by Grand Treasurer to pay postage account.

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, thus far, be printed with the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet on Saturday the 18th instant, at 7 P. M.

ADRIAN R. TERRY, *Grand Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Adopted January 15, 1845, with amendments to the same up to July 1845, and which Constitution and By-Laws were repealed at the January Session 1847, and a new one adopted in its stead.

ARTICLE 1.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.—*Style and Title.*

FIRST SECTION.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN," and shall consist, *only*, of Past-Grands duly qualified and admitted according to the provisions of this Constitution.

Powers.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, within the State of Michigan, and is the supreme tribunal of the Order, in its jurisdiction. No Lodge can be formed, or continue to exist, without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power of granting Charters; of suspending and taking away Charters, at pleasure, for proper cause; of receiving appeals, and redressing grievances arising in Lodges; of originating and regulating the means of its own support; and of doing all such other acts, as are promotive of the interests of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERS.—*Qualifications for Membership.*

FIRST SECTION.

The members of this Grand Lodge shall consist of all Past-Grands, who are regular contributing members of Subordinate Lodges, and who shall produce, for the inspection of the Grand Lodge, properly

attested certificates of the same, from their respective Lodges, before or during each official term of the Grand Lodge. Such certificate shall not continue in force, after the expiration of the term of office of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

Of Expulsions

SECOND SECTION.

Any member being guilty of conduct derogatory to the Order, in or out of the Grand Lodge, on being regularly convicted, shall be expelled from his seat in the Grand Lodge; the expulsion to continue in force, until the expiration of the then current official term. Such expelled member may be re-admitted during any subsequent official term, should he at that time produce the necessary certificate from his Subordinate Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.—*The Officers and mode of Election.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The elective Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be,

- 1st. M. W. Grand Master.
- 2d. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- 3d. R. W. Grand Warden.
- 4th. R. W. Grand Secretary.
- 5th. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- 6th. R. W. Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall be elected at the session in July.

Clause 2d. The appointed Officers shall consist of,

- 1st. W. Grand Chaplain.
- 2d. W. Grand Marshal.
- 3d. W. Grand Conductor.
- 4th. W. Grand Guardian.
- 5th. And a W. Deputy District Grand Master for each district.

Duty of Officers.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Most Worthy Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge; he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine; all questions of order, however, shall be subject to appeal from his decision, to the Grand Lodge; he shall appoint all Grand Officers, *pro tempore*, and all committees, unless otherwise or-

dered by the Grand Lodge ; he shall give the casting vote in all cases, when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except when the vote is taken by Subordinates, in which case he shall be allowed a voice in the Representation to which he belongs ; he shall appoint all Grand Officers, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for ; he may order Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge, whenever the good of the Order may appear to require it. After any sum of money has been voted, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same ; he, or any of his Deputies, may grant dispensations, on the application of a Lodge, to confer degrees on a member without delay ; and, when officially visiting the Subordinates, he shall be received with the honors of the Order.

Clause 2d. The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master shall support the M. W. Grand Master in presiding, and, in his absence, shall fill the chair for him. In the event of the resignation, death, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall become, *ex-officio*, Grand Master, until the next Regular Session thereafter.

Clause 3d. The Right Worthy Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge ; he shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door—and, in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside ; and he shall, *ex-officio*, confer degrees on all Past-Officers qualified to receive them.

Clause 4th. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at every meeting, and transmit, immediately after the closing of the Regular Sessions, quarterly, to the Subordinates, printed copies thereof ; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its Subordinates ; receive all money coming to the Grand Lodge therefrom, and pay it over to the Grand Treasurer immediately ; he shall notify each of the Subordinates of all the Regular Sessions of the Grand Lodge, at least one month previously, and every member, of all Special Sessions ; he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge may direct ; and, for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be entitled to a salary of fifty dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Clause 5th. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge ; he shall pay all or-

ders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge ; he shall make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct ; he shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner ; exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts ; the purposes and amounts of disbursements, and to whom paid ; and he shall have his accounts closed at every regular session, and submit them to the Grand Lodge. He shall transmit by the Grand Secretary, quarterly, to the Subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts ; and he shall execute to the first three named Grand Officers, in trust, bonds to be approved by them for the faithful performance of the trust.

Clause 6th. The Right Worthy Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and faithfully represent the wishes of the Grand Lodge therein ; and they shall be entitled to a sum sufficient to bear their necessary expenses, while in attendance to their duties ; and they shall be furnished with certificates of election, in the form required by Article X. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Clause 7th. The Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of opening and closing the same, according to his office. ●

Clause 8th. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall assist the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in supporting the M. W. Grand Master in the Grand Lodge ; he shall attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the Subordinates ; issue his proclamations, when necessary, and obey his commands ; and he shall have charge of all Grand Processions.

Clause 9th. The Worthy Grand Conductor shall assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and in preserving order therein.

Clause 10th. The Worthy Grand Guardian shall attend at the outward door of the Grand Lodge, and permit none to enter or depart, without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

Clause 11th. The Worthy District Deputy Grand Master shall be the organ of the Grand Master, with the Subordinates, in their respective districts ; each shall have power to grant Dispensations to Lodges in his district, for conferring Degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted, when circumstances require it ; and it shall be their duty to see that the work of the Order is performed uniform-

ly—to install the officers of the Lodges under their charge, and to report quarterly to the Grand Master.

Clause 12th. All Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this constitution, perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

Qualifications for Office.

THIRD SECTION.

No one shall be eligible for any office in the Grand Lodge, unless he be a regular member of the Grand Lodge, and shall have been exalted to the R. P. Degree.

Mode of Election.

FOURTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. Candidates for office may be nominated at any time previous to the election taking place; and no vote shall be valid, or recorded as a part of the poll, unless it be for a previously nominated candidate.

Clause 2d. All elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the valid votes given. In case no candidate has such a majority, the balloting shall be continued until one of them obtains it; but the candidate having the lowest number of votes, shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot.

Clause 3d. In balloting, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of members, beginning with the R. W. D. Grand Master, and proceed with the Grand Officers, as ranked in the *first section*, and Past M. W. Grand Masters by seniority, and the Past-Grands of Lodge No. 1, and continue in the order of the Lodges successively—when, should there be an equal division of the votes between any two candidates, the M. W. Grand Master shall be called on for his ballot. Each member shall rise in his place when his name is called, and remain standing until he has deposited his vote in the box; and should there be more ballots than voters, the balloting shall be void, and a new one entered into.

Installation.

FIFTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Grand Officers shall be installed at any time during the session that the Grand Lodge may determine. The Past-Grand Master, or any Past-Grand Master, or the senior member present, shall install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

Clause 2d. All Grand Officers shall be installed to serve until the next Annual Session, and the installation of their successors.

Removal.

SIXTH SECTION.

Clause 1st Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office, for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his office ; but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to removal.

Clause 2d. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Should the Grand Master be under charges, a Past-Grand Master shall preside, while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration.

Vacancies.

SEVENTH SECTION.

All vacancies in the offices, occasioned by death, resignation or removal, shall be filled in the manner heretofore prescribed, and for the residue of the term.

Standing Committees.

EIGHTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. There shall be appointed at each Annual Session, the following Standing Committees, viz:

1st. Committee of Returns and Members.

2d. Committee of Finance.

3d. Committee of Correspondence.

4th. Committee of Grievances of Lodges.

5th. Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 2d. The Committee of Returns and Members shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master who is holding over, or the incumbent of the Chair at the time of the opening of the Session; and it shall be his duty to examine and report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the returns of the Subordinates, and on the number of Past-Grands holding regular certificates from Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 3d. The Committee of Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the advice and

consent of the Grand Lodge; and whose duty it shall be, to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, previously to their being passed for payment by the Grand Lodge; to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer quarterly; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

Clause 4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be, to examine and report on all correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and to suggest any measures in the nature of the business of their appointment.

Clause 5th. The Committee of Grievances of Lodges shall be composed of one member from each Lodge, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge; whose duty it shall be, to hear all appeals and grievances from Lodges, or members of Lodges, referred to it by the Grand Lodge, and report thereon, recommending such action as may appear necessary in the Grand Lodge.

Clause 6th. The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of three members, appointed by the Grand Master, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge; whose duty it shall be, carefully to inspect and examine all Constitutions and By-Laws submitted to the Grand Lodge by Subordinate Lodges, and determine whether they are in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and with the usages of the Order, and report accordingly to the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

OF SESSIONS, &c.—Sessions.

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Grand Lodge shall hold four Regular Sessions in each year, viz: on the second Wednesdays of July, October, January and April respectively; the first of which shall be distinguished as the Annual Session, the others as Quarterly Sessions. The Grand Lodge shall hold Special Sessions, at the call of the Grand Master, and, during any of the Sessions, it may be adjourned from time to time, until the business of the Session shall be disposed of. And all Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held at the City of Detroit.

Clause 2d. At the "Annual Session" the Subordinates shall have their reports, returns, and sums due, presented as required by these Articles; new members shall be admitted to their seats; the Grand

Officers shall be elected ; and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge may be transacted.

Clause 3d. At the "*Quarterly Sessions*," the reports, returns and dues of Subordinates, as required to be delivered by these Articles, shall be received and acted on ; new members shall be admitted by certificate from Subordinate Lodges ; and any other business may be transacted, which shall not in any manner involve the expenditure of money, unless it may be the ordering of payment of appropriations made at the Annual Session, or for incidental expenditures authorized at the Annual Session, or for such salaries as may be provided for by the Constitution.

Clause 4th. At "*Special Sessions*" no business shall be transacted except that for which the Session has been called, which shall be distinctly stated in the notification to members ; but no business at a Special Session shall be so acted on, as to involve the expenditure of money, unless three-fourths of the legal Representatives be present.

Clause 5th. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened, unless there be present *seven* members, and such *seven* members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Working Degrees.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, at all times when engaged in any business of the Order, unless when installing Grand Officers, when, by resolution, it may be opened in the Scarlet Degree, for the duration of that ceremony, in order to permit the presence of brothers of that rank in the Order.

Votes.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1st. All questions before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the members present ; unless when the Representations of two Subordinates require the vote to be taken by Representations ; in which case it shall be determined by a majority of Representations of Lodges present ; provided, however, that no election of Grand Officers shall take place by Representations in any case.

Clause 2d. The Representation of each Lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Session, *fifty members* or

more, in full membership, shall be entitled to *two votes* ; and that of each which has reported a *less number*, shall be entitled to *one vote*, *when questions* are determined by Representations ; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the Representatives of each Subordinate separately, and a majority of those present shall be deemed the vote of the Lodge they represent. When the members of a Representation are equally divided on any question, the Lodge they represent shall be deemed as not giving a vote. The ayes and noes shall be recorded when the vote is taken by Representations.

ARTICLE V.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. On the written application of five or more brothers of the Order, praying for a Charter to open a Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and, on the payment of *thirty dollars* therefor, such Lodge shall receive its Charter, and the necessary charges, lectures and instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, or the W. D. D. Grand Master of the district in which it may be located, or by a Past-Grand Master specially deputed, whose expenses, if any, shall be borne by the Lodge so opened.

Clause 2d. At the end of each term all Lodges shall prepare a report for the Grand Lodge, to be presented at the succeeding Regular Session, containing the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, reinstated and deceased ; together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of the receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 3d. At the Annual Session, each Lodge shall report, in addition, up to the first day of July, annually, a full return of members, ranked according to degrees taken; and a statement of the number of brothers relieved, widowed families relieved, and brothers buried, and the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans.

Clause 4th. No Lodge shall admit a proposition from or initiate any person, unless he be twenty-one years of age.

Dues.

SECOND SECTION.

Each Subordinate shall pay to the Grand Lodge, quarterly, as *dues*, *ten per centum*, on all amounts received for initiation, depositing cards, degrees and dues.

Districts.

THIRD SECTION.

The Grand Lodge shall, as occasion may require, arrange the Subordinates into convenient districts, for the more advantageous administration of the superintending powers of the Grand Master; and to define the extent over which the W. D. D. Grand Masters exercise their functions.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.—*By-Laws, &c.*

FIRST SECTION.

The Grand Lodge may adopt or amend, at any Regular Session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order for the governing thereof, as two-thirds of the members present shall approve, to take effect after the close of the Session at which they are adopted; *Provided*, Such Laws and Rules shall not, in any way, contravene this Constitution, or violate the principles of the Order.

ARTICLE VII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FIRST SECTION.

The M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Warden and the R. W. Grand Secretary, shall form an Executive Committee, with power to receive and act on petitions for establishing Lodges, presented in the intervals of the Sessions; and the M. W. Grand Master may, by their request, issue dispensations for the same, which shall be valid if confirmed at the next Regular Session of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF CHARTERS OF SUBORDINATES.

FIRST SECTION.

The M. W. Grand Master, in addition to the powers heretofore granted, shall have the power to demand the Charter of any Subordinate Lodge, whenever he shall see sufficient cause so to do, and the work of such Subordinate Lodge shall be suspended until the case shall be considered by the Grand Lodge.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The R. W. Grand Lodge will convene at the Quarterly Sessions of October and January, at 7 o'clock P. M., and at the Quarterly Session of April and the Annual Session of July, at half past 7 o'clock P. M., and shall adjourn from day to day, to the same hour, until the business of the Session is completed, unless otherwise ordered, specially, by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Within thirty minutes after the time of meeting, the presiding Grand Master shall proceed to open the Grand Lodge, should there be a quorum present; and, at the expiration of that time, should there not be a quorum, the members assembled can organize informally and adjourn the meeting until next day, at the hour specified in section first.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, the chair may be taken, *pro tempore*, by any member of the Grand Lodge who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 4. The Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE II.

OF SUBORDINATES.

SEC. 1. Should any Subordinate Lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article 5, Clause 2, of the Constitution, for one year, it shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its Charter shall be forfeited.

SEC. 2. The funds, properties, &c., of Subordinate Lodges, having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren, and other charitable uses in the order, are not liable to be divided, in any manner, among the members individually, or between one Lodge and another, that may branch from it, but shall remain, for its legiti-

mate purposes, the property of the Lodge, so long as its Charter is unreclaimed, and five brothers remain in good standing in the Lodge.

SEC. 3. In all cases where a Lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its Charter shall have been forfeited, the Charter, funds, books, properties, and effects of all kinds, shall revert to the Grand Lodge. And, it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers of such Lodge, to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or to the brother by him deputed to receive them, such funds and other effects as the Lodge may have claim to.

SEC. 4. Members of a defunct Lodge, who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such Lodge, or who may have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge: *Provided*, That no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled Lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. Any Lodge or brother who shall be concerned in organizing, or who shall give countenance and support to, or shall visit any Lodge, in Michigan, purporting to be a Lodge of Odd Fellows, and not possessing a legal, unreclaimed, and valid Charter, duly granted and presented or confirmed by this Grand Lodge, shall be deemed unworthy of fellowship; and such *brother*, upon satisfactory proof, shall be suspended or expelled, at the option of the Lodge of which he is a member. And any brother, so suspended or expelled, shall not be reinstated unless the Grand Lodge assents thereto; nor shall any person, who has been in membership in any spurious or illegal Lodge, be received into any regular Lodge without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a suitable seal, (a proof impression of which shall be desposited with the Grand Lodge,) and all its Official Communications shall be sealed therewith.

SEC. 7. No Lodge shall have a public procession without the permission of the Grand Lodge, unless to attend the funeral of a brother.

SEC. 8. The following shall be the form of a certificate of a member of the Grand Lodge:

LODGE No. I. O. of O. F.

To the Officers and Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan :

This is to certify that P. G. has been elected to, and filled the offices of in this Lodge, and, by a vote passed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, held on the day of 18 , was recommended to a seat in the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan.

In testimony whereof, we hereunto affix our hands and the seal of
[L. s.] our Lodge, this day of , 18 .

N. G.

Attest,

V. G.

Secretary.

SEC. 9. Any member of the Order who shall have painted on his sign any of the emblems of the Order, or otherwise exhibit them on the same, or shall have them printed on his business card, or expose them in any public place as a sign, shall (if the offence be persisted in, after the Lodge of which he is a member shall have given him notice to desist from such practice,) be suspended or expelled, agreeably to a vote of the Lodge.

SEC. 10. Subordinate Lodges shall not receive applications for membership from petitioners residing in adjoining States, or in the Province of Canada West, when Lodges are known to exist in the county in which they reside or when another Lodge is located nearer their place of residence than the one to which they apply.

SEC. 11. No Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall alter its night of meeting without previously obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. No person shall have membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time; nor shall any Lodge confer Degrees upon a member of another Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master shall forward (through one of the Representatives at each Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge,) a Quarterly P. W. to the N. G. of each Lodge, the said P. W. to go into operation on the first day of each quarter.

Sec. 3. The Constitution and By-Laws of each Lodge, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on their adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge, for its approval.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After a quorum for opening shall be ascertained to be present, the following shall be the order of business, viz:

1. The Grand Master shall request the brethren to clothe themselves in proper Regalia, and direct the officers and members to take their respective stations, and shall then call up the Grand Lodge.

2. While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.

3. Proclamation shall be made by the Grand Marshal, of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

4. The minutes of the last session shall be read, and if no objection be made to any part thereof, they shall stand approved without vote.

5. The committee of Returns and Members shall report on the eligibility of members.

6. New members shall be admitted and instructed.

7. The Committee of Elections and Returns shall report on the returns from the Subordinates; and each of the returns reported as correct, shall be read.

8. Petitions shall be read and referred.

9. Communications read.

10. Financial accounts read and referred.

11. Appeals read and referred.

12. Reports of Committee of finance submitted.

13. Reports of Committee of Correspondence submitted.

14. Reports of Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

15. Reports of Committee of Grievance shall be submitted.

16. Reports of Special Committees, by seniority submitted.

17. Unfinished business acted upon by priority.

18. New business.

The reports of the Committee of Returns and Members are privi-

leged to take priority to all other business, until disposed of. But the reports of all other Committees after having been submitted, will take their place in order among the unfinished business.

The order of business, as here arranged, may at any time, for an occasion, be changed or dispensed with, by a special two-third vote of the Grand Lodge.

II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting, the most decorous silence must be observed; the officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the M. W. Grand Master, nor enter without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the Chair.

Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in Regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask—“*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*” Should no member rise to speak, and a majority indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it. And he shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the Chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus—“*Will the Grand Lodge stand by the Chair, in its decision?*”

IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be upstanding, and shall respectfully address the Chair, and when he has finished, he shall sit down. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair, he shall cease speaking and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice, without permission of the Chair. But no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition, or memorial is presented, before it is read, or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair; and, after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the journal.

No motion shall be subject to action, until seconded and stated by the Chair; and at the desire of any member, shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer, or to amend; and shall have precedence in the order herein arranged; the first three of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question except one of indefinite postponement, has been

decided, any two members who voted in the majority, may, at the same or next succeeding meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof.

The previous question can be called for by two members, if seconded by a majority, and shall be put in this form—“*Shall the main question be now put?*”—if carried, all amendments, not already adopted, shall be precluded, and the main question taken without further debate.

When one-fifth of the members rise in favor of taking a question by yeas and nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

Every member present shall vote on any question before the Grand Lodge, unless he be personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the Grand Lodge, or is otherwise incapacitated.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
Detroit, Saturday, January 18, 1845. }

Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M. pursuant to adjournment.

Present,

WM. DUANE WILSON, M. W. Grand Master.

BENJ. F. HALL, R. W. Grand Warden,

ADRIAN R. TERRY, R. W. Grand Secretary.

JNO. ROBINSON, Jr., R. W. Grand Treasurer.

HARTFORD JOY, W. Grand Conductor.

And P. G. A. S. KELLOGG, of Michigan Lodge No. 1.

P. G. CHAS. S. ADAMS of Wayne Lodge No. 2., having presented his certificate, and been properly instructed in the Past-Official and Grand Lodge Degrees, was admitted and took his seat previous to the opening of the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then duly opened. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee appointed to examine the Revised Constitution and By-Laws of Michigan Lodge No. 1, reported that the same were in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and recommended the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Michigan Lodge No. 1, (revised December 21, 1844,) be, and the same are hereby confirmed.

The Report was accepted, and the resolution was adopted.

On motion of the M. W. Grand Master,

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the R. W. G. L. of the U. S., at its recent Session, in relation to the mode of examining visiting brethren, (which resolution is to be found on page eighty-six of the journal of the proceedings of the G. L. U. S. for the year 1844,) be printed with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. (See page 39.)

On motion of P. G. Kellogg, the Grand Secretary was authorized to send one copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge to each State Grand Lodge in the United States.

Some additional By-Laws were adopted, which were ordered printed with the By-Laws and Constitution previously adopted.

On motion,

Resolved, That any member of a Subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who shall urge or solicit any person to petition to become a member of any Subordinate Lodge, shall be reprimanded, fined, suspended, or expelled, at the option of the Lodge of which he is a member.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master transmit a copy of the above resolution, with an explanatory circular to each of the Lodges in this State.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet on Thursday, January 30, 1845, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

ADRIAN R. TERRY, *Grand Secretary*.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
Detroit, Thursday, January 30, 1845. }

The Grand Lodge met at 7 o'clock, P. M. pursuant to adjournment, and a quorum not being present, adjourned *sine die*.

ADRIAN R. TERRY, *Grand Secretary*.

QUARTERLY SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF I. O. O. F. OF STATE OF MICHIGAN.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, }
Detroit, April 9, 1845. }

Grand Lodge convened at Regular Quarterly Session at 7 P. M.

Past-Grands Daniel D. Sinclair, H. M. Roby, J. Wright Gordon, N. P. Stewart, and John Bacon, presented their certificates and received the Past-Official Degrees.

The Grand Lodge opened. Present, the M. W. Gr. Master, R. W. Gr. Warden, R. W. Gr. Secretary, R. W. Gr. Treasurer, W. Gr. Marshal, W. Gr. Guardian, Past-Grands, A. S. Kellogg, Charles S. Adams, N. P. Stewart, D. D. Sinclair, and H. M. Roby.

The minutes of the meeting of January 18, were read and approved.

Reports of Subordinate Lodges were read, accepted, and adopted.

Two communications from Wayne Lodge No. 2, were received and laid on the table.

The bills of G. F. Rood & Co. \$69,21 ; A. S. Williams, \$4,50 ; Post Office, \$2,00 ; Gr. Lodge U. S. \$50,75, and W. Bond, \$3,50, were ordered paid.

Report of Committee on seal and regalia accepted.

The Committee to draft a form for Charter and Dispensation reported a form for each, which were accepted and adopted.

Communication No. 2, from Wayne Lodge No. 2, in relation to changing their night of meeting from Tuesday to Friday night, was taken from the table, and, after some discussion, again laid on the table.

The following was offered by the R. W. Gr. Treasurer and carried:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, Clause 4, of Article IV, of the By-Laws of Wayne Lodge No. 2, does not conflict with Clause 2, of Article II, of the Constitution of said Lodge.

The Worthy Grand Marshal offered the following amendment to

Article II, Section 10, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, which was carried :

Resolved, That the words, "*or in other counties in this state than that in which such application shall be made,*" be inserted after the word "*reside*" in the fifth line of Section 10, Article II, of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of the R. W. Gr. Treasurer, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Gr. Master be authorised to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for \$30,00, for the purpose of refunding to the first five Lodges in the state, each \$6,00, advanced by them for the Charter of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That Wayne Lodge No. 2, have the permission of this Grand Lodge to change their night of meeting from Tuesday to Friday.

The following Committees were then appointed by the M. W. Gr. Master :

Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges—Past-Grands Kellogg, Robinson and Stewart.

Committee of Returns and Members—Past-Grands Hall, Gordon and Robinson.

Resolved, That all the reports of Subordinate Lodges already received by this Grand Lodge, and all that shall be received up to the time of the next meeting of this Grand Lodge, be put into the hands of the Committee of Returns and Members.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the M. W. Gr. Master, to District the State into three Districts, and report to the Gr. Master in the recess.

It was moved and carried in addition, that the Gr. Master be the chairman of this Committee.

The Committee stands as follows :—The M. W. Gr. Master, R. W. Gr. Warden and R. W. Gr. Marshal.

The following resolution was then offered by Past-Grand Kellogg and carried :

Resolved, That a Select Committee of three be appointed by the M. W. Gr. Master, whose duty it shall be to address a letter to the G. C. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, inquiring whether the Grand Lodge of this State has the power to prescribe Constitutions for the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction. If it be found that the power exists in this Grand Lodge to prescribe the

Constitutions for Subordinate Lodges, then the said Committee shall draft a Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, to be submitted to this Grand Lodge at its Annual Session in July next.

The Special Committee on the above resolution, Past-Grands Kellogg, Roby and Hall.

The M. W. Gr. Master then appointed the following Committee of Correspondence :—Past-Grands Roby, Adams and Hall.

The Dispensations of Kalamazoo Lodge No. 7, Adrian Lodge No. 8, and Washtenaw Lodge No. 9, were confirmed by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the five petitioners for a Charter or Dispensation for a Subordinate Lodge, shall be required to be Scarlet Degree members.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, *sine die*.

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HELD AT THE CITY OF DETROIT, JULY, 1845.

Wednesday, July 9, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening, at "Odd Fellows' Hall," city of Detroit, being the regular Annual Session, when the following officers and members were present:

Wm. Duane Wilson, M. W. G. Master.

Chs. S. Adams, R. W. D. G. Master, *p. t.*

A. S. Kellogg, R. W. G. Warden, *p. t.*

A. R. Terry, R. W. G. Secretary.

Jno. Robinson, Jr., R. W. G. Treasurer.

H. M. Roby, W. G. Marshal, *p. t.*

D. D. Sinclair, W. G. Guardian, *p. t.*

Hartford Joy, W. G. Conductor.

It appearing that a Constitutional quorum was present, the D. G. Master was directed to examine the members.

The D. G. Master reported that the members present were duly qualified; and then, by order of the Grand Master, proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for the transaction of business.

Prayer by the Grand Master.

The following Past-Grands presented their certificates, received the Past-Official Degrees, and took their seats as members of the Grand Lodge: B. G. Stimson, Michigan Lodge, No. 1; Henry L. Whipple and William M. Crain, Wayne Lodge, No. 2; E. C. Noble and Jno. B. Frink, Peninsular Lodge, No. 5; A. J. Clarke, Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6.

The majority of the Committee on Elections and Returns being absent, the minority asked leave to be discharged, and that a new Committee be appointed, which was granted, and the Committee appointed, viz: G. Guardian Sinclair, P. G's Frink and Stimson.

The Grand Master presented a communication from the M. W. G. Sire of the G. L. U. S., announcing a Special Session of the G. L. U. S. for the purpose of revising the work of the Order; also, one from the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary of the G. L. U. S. on the same subject, which were read.

G. Treasurer Robinson, presented his report for the last quarter, which was referred to the Committee of Finance. No Committee of Finance having been previously appointed, the G. Master announced the following as that Committee: G. Warden Kellogg, G. Marshal Roby and P. G. Whipple.

The Committee of Correspondence reported that they had no communication to present.

The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges, reported through G. Marshal Roby that the Constitutions and By-Laws of Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6, and Adrian Lodge, No. 8, were correct. The report was accepted and laid on the table.

On behalf of the Committee on Seal and Regalia, the G. Master reported a communication from Bro. Osborne, of New York, in relation to Regalia, to the effect that it had been made and forwarded. The G. M. added that it had been received in good order.

G. Treasurer Robinson, minority of the Committee on Seal and Regalia, moved that the Committee be discharged. Lost.

The Special Committee on Resolution in relation to the powers of State Grand Lodges to prescribe Constitutions and By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, (which resolution was carried at the last Quarterly Session,) reported through its Chairman, G. W. Kellogg, that the Committee had communicated with the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary of the G. L. U. S., and that the answer was that "the State Grand Lodges have such power." The Committee reported a form for general Laws to regulate Subordinate Lodges in this State, which was accepted.

It was moved and carried, that the different clauses of the General Rules be read and passed on severally.

The report being read, it was moved by Past-Grand Clarke, that the consideration of the General Rules be postponed until to-morrow. Carried.

It was moved and carried, that when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

A communication from Michigan Lodge, No. 1, including a bill for room rent, lights and fuel for six months, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Thursday, July 10, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the officers and a due representation.

The journal of proceedings of the Session of yesterday was read and approved.

The Committee on Returns and Members, report that all returns were correct except that of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, in which the dues of the quarter ending June 30, were not inserted. The Committee also reported that Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, had not made a report.

G. Warden Kellogg, then read a communication from the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary of the G. L. U. S. on the subject of General Rules, explanatory of their nature, &c.

On motion of Past-Grand Clarke, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of General Rules, as reported by the Special Committee thereon, be postponed until the next Quarterly Session.

On motion of Past-Grand Frink, it was

Resolved, That the amended sections of the General Rules, as reported by the Committee, be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

General Laws of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Michigan.

PREAMBLE.—For the purpose of effecting as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order, within its jurisdiction, the *Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan*, the supreme tribunal of Odd Fellowship in this State, without whose sanction and control no Lodge can exist within its limits, ordains the following articles *for the government* of Subordinate Lodges:

ARTICLE I.

Lodges shall be constituted by at least five members, *who shall have attained the Scarlet Degree*, and shall be hailed and entitled

Lodge, No. I. O. O. F., and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed Dispensation or *Charter*, duly granted, and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

Clause 1. No person shall be permitted to become a member of any Lodge unless he be a free white male, not under twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; be free from disease, and have some known reputable means of support, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Clause 2. The name of a person offered for initiation, must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence, and business; which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report at the succeeding regular meeting, when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots, and if no BLACK ball appear against him, he shall be elected; but if two or more appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. But to prevent mistakes which may occur, the balloting may be gone into a second time, previous to the result being declared. Should one black ball appear, the balloting shall be deferred one week.

Clause 3. A brother who may have withdrawn from his Lodge, may be again admitted to membership by a vote of his Lodge, and the payment of his dues from the time of his withdrawal to the date of his re-admission. His card of clearance shall also be returned to the Lodge.

Clause 4. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay, to all the Lodges in the same and adjoining counties; and no person so rejected, shall be again balloted for in any Lodge, for the space of six months.

ARTICLE IV.

Forfeiture of Charter.

Sec. 3. Should any Lodge fail to make its returns, as required by the second section of this Article, for — successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall become the duty of the last installed officers, to transmit or surrender to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the

Grand Lodge to receive them,) the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

By-Laws.

SEC. 2. Lodges shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

Past-Grand Stimson, submitted the following, which was *carried*:

Resolved, That the incorrect report of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, be referred to the D. D. Grand Master of that District, and that he report the result to the G. Secretary.

The Committee of Finance reported that the report of the Grand Treasurer was correct. Also, that the rent bill of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, was correct, and the warrant to pay the same was ordered to be drawn.

The G. Master presented the following bills, which were referred to the Committee on Finance: Wells & Co., \$2 75, for transportation of packages; A. S. Williams, \$14 50, for printing; G. Master Wilson, \$3 49, for postage.

The Committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of districting the State, reported that they would recommend dividing the State into three districts, following the boundaries of the Congressional districts. Laid on the table.

On motion of Past-Grand Stimson, it was

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the State into four districts, the Committee to report during the Session.

Committee—G. Master Wilson, P. G's Frink and Clarke.

On motion of D. Grand Master Adams, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge proceed to nominate and elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination and election of Grand Officers; and on counting the ballots, the following were declared duly elected for the ensuing term:

Asher S. Kellogg, M. W. G. Master.

Andrew J. Clarke, R. W. D. G. Master.

Benj. G. Stimson, R. W. G. Warden.

Jno. Robinson, Jr., R. W. G. Secretary.

Chas. S. Adams, R. W. G. Treasurer.

J. Wright Gordon, R. W. G. Representative G. L. U. S.

On motion, the G. Lodge adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

The report of the Committee on districting the State was accepted and unanimously adopted. The districts are as follows:

District No. 1.—Counties of Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Macomb and St. Clair.

District No. 2.—Counties of Calhoun, Jackson, Branch, Kent and Ionia.

District No. 3.—Counties of Monroe, Lenawee and Hillsdale.

District No. 4.—Counties of Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo and Van Buren.

The Constitution and By-Laws of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, were referred to the proper Committee.

S. Shepard's bill for tin box, \$3 73, was ordered to be paid.

The Finance Committee reported the several bills of Wells & Co., A. S. Williams and Wm. Duane Wilson, correct, and they were ordered paid.

On motion of P. G. Kellogg, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure the necessary furniture for his office, for the safe keeping of the property of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of the Grand Treasurer, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure the printing of a sufficient number of forms for Quarterly and Annual Reports of Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of P. G. Stinson, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant for \$230, to pay for Regalia, and in addition for the amount of premium on draft.

On motion of the Grand Master, (the D. G. M. p. t. in the chair,) it was

Resolved, That all the Subordinate Lodges receive Charters from this Grand Lodge, and that all the Representatives present sign the same, and that the Grand Secretary transmit them to the Subordinates as soon as a seal shall be procured and the Dispensations returned from the Subordinates.

It was on motion, *Resolved*, That it is expedient to have some public ceremonies or procession of the Order during the autumn.

On motion of P. G. Kellogg, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant for the payment of three-quarters' salary to the G. Secretary.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns, it adjourns to meet at half past six, P. M.

On motion of P. G. Robinson, it was

Resolved, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, and Adrian Lodge, No. 8, be confirmed.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the members of this G. Lodge be each furnished with a copy of the proceedings of this G. Lodge.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Grand Master be authorized to draw his warrant for \$31 25, to pay for the cards furnished by the G. L. U. S.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Warden procure a box for the Regalia.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary collect from the Subordinates, the arrearages due for cards furnished by this Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge adjourned.

Evening Session, July 10.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, at half past 6, P. M.

On motion of the M. W. Grand Master, (the D. G. M. p. t. in the Chair,) the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, In view of the prosperity of the Order in this State, which embraces upwards of 600 members—the absence of even one death during the eighteen months which the Order has existed in our jurisdiction—the high moral character and intelligence of the brotherhood—the faithfulness with which the philanthropic principles of our

beloved institution are observed, and the commendable unanimity and subordination which exists among our Lodges, this Grand Lodge doth solemnly

Resolve, That thanks are due to an All Wise Providence, and we hereby reverently and unfeignedly tender them for these blessings; and above all, for the general health enjoyed by the members of the Order, sincerely and humbly praying that His hand may not be withdrawn from us, or our hearts fail to acknowledge his wisdom in all things.

On motion of P. G. Clarke, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of officers installing the officers of Subordinate Lodges, be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess of half an hour, in which time Michigan Encampment No. 1 assembled and adjourned, when the Grand Lodge resumed its session.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed by the M. W. Grand Master in the following order:

M. W. Grand Master, Asher S. Kellogg.

R. W. D. G. Master, Andrew J. Clarke.

R. W. Grand Secretary, John Robinson, Jr.

R. W. Grand Treasurer, Charles S. Adams.

R. W. Grand Warden, Benj. G. Stimson.

After which, the M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments:

P. G. J. Wright Gordon, W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. H. L. Whipple, W. Grand Conductor.

P. G. H. M. Roby, W. Grand Marshal.

P. G. Hartford Joy, W. Grand Guardian.

The last three appointed officers being present, were duly installed.

On motion of Past-Grand Adams, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to Past M. W. Grand Master, Wm. Duane Wilson, for the ability, impartiality and courtesy which have characterized his conduct as our Presiding Officer during the past term.

On motion of the R. W. D. Grand Master, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to all the past-officers for their services during the past year.

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed the following committees:

1st. *Committee of Returns and Members.*—Past-Grands H. L. Whipple, H. M. Roby and D. D. Sinclair.

2d. *Committee of Finance.*—Past-Grands H. M. Roby, A. J. Clarke and J. B. Frink.

3d. *Committee of Correspondence.*—Past-Grands W. Duane Wilson, John Robinson, Jr., and Charles S. Adams.

4th. *Committee on Grievances of Lodges.*—Past-Grands J. W. Gordon, W. Duane Wilson and John Bacon.

5th. *Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.*—Past-Grands B. G. Stimson, H. M. Roby and E. C. Noble.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, *sine die*.

JOHN ROBINSON, Jr., *G. Sec'ry*.

The following appointments of District Deputies have been made by the Most Worthy Grand Master, viz:

District No. 1.—P. G. John Chester.

do " 2.—P. G. D. D. Sinclair.

do " 3.—P. G. J. Wright Gordon.

do " 4.—P. G. Andrew J. Clarke.

There are nine Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, and their reports from November 4, 1844, to July 1, 1845, show that there have been

Initiated,	430
Admitted by card,	23
Withdrawn by card,	33
Deaths,	00
Whole No. of contributing members,	628
Revenue,	\$5,290 82
No. of brothers relieved,	12
Amount paid for relief of brothers,	\$105 00

OFFICIAL REPORT

OF THE

MOST WORTHY GRAND MASTER,

EMBRACING THE CONDITION AND HISTORY OF THE ORDER IN THE STATE FROM THE 4TH OF DECEMBER, 1843, TO THE 30TH OF JUNE, 1845.

To the Members of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan:

It is with no ordinary emotions, my brethren, that I meet you individually, and as representatives from Lodges situated in all parts of the State; feelings which can only be realized by those who took an active part in introducing and establishing the first Lodge in Michigan, and with it the beloved principles of our Order; and may we not congratulate each other, when we take a retrospective view during the period named, that the golden links, FRIENDSHIP, LOVE and TRUTH, the motto of our Order, have not been unfolded in vain, and that it embraces a band of as noble and honest hearts as were ever linked together. For much of the condition and prosperity of the Order in our State, the Past-Grands, members of this Lodge, are entitled to credit, particularly those who presided as the first Officers of their respective Lodges. To their discretion, circumspection, counsel and example, at times when the public mind in the several communities where they were called to act, were unadvised as to our principles and objects, and the shafts of envy, jealousy, malice and ridicule were directed against them, can be traced, and properly attributed, the high position in which their Lodges are now placed. With a consciousness that the principles they were sustaining were holy principles—principles which, if properly lived up to, tended to make men better—more social and humane—they nobly persevered, until all serious opposition has been silenced, and until they can look around their Lodge Rooms and see the bright and intelligent countenances of the good and virtuous of the land. Here are themes worthy of congratulation and our honest pride; and may we ever consider that our strength lies not in numbers, but in high moral character and honest bearing towards our brethren and before the world.

The first Lodge had existence in our State on the 4th day of December, 1843, the five petitioners for which, residents of this city, having obtained their cards from the Buffalo Lodges. Much difficulty, however, was experienced by them before their wish could be accomplished. The proper authority having at length arrived and been placed in the hands of D. D. G. Master Smith, of Buffalo, he authorized Br. P. G. Battie, of that city to proceed at once to the organization of MICHIGAN LODGE No. 1. On the day mentioned, Brs. Joshua L. Smith and Hartford Joy were duly installed the first Presiding Officers. The room in which the Lodge first held its meetings, was but little larger than those occupied for ante-rooms by the same lodge at this time. Its situation, furniture, and appearance were humble, yet none of us ever dreamed, when we first unfurled our banner there, that its walls would not afford ample accommodations for our members for many months ; but how poorly did we calculate !—for three months had not rolled round, ere more room was demanded and found necessary. In the following April, the present hall, now so handsomely and comfortably fitted up, was leased, and has ever since been occupied by the Order, although it is far from being such a room as the strength and position of our city Lodges require.

Soon after the formation of MICHIGAN LODGE No. 1, Br. S. York AtLee, became a member by deposit of card. The high rank which he had attained in the Order, qualified him for an office which our infant institution was very desirous of obtaining, viz : a representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States, (from which we derived existence, and under which we were then working,) with the title and powers of D. D. G. Sire. A petition from Michigan Lodge No. 1, was accordingly forwarded to our Most Worthy Grand Sire to confer this appointment on Br. AtLee, which was promptly granted, and he continued to serve in that office until superceded by the establishment of this Grand Lodge.

Applications for admission were pouring in so rapidly, it was easily perceived that a few months more would crowd our present hall, although more than double the size of the former. Our prosperity and anticipations gave rise to the idea of the necessity of forming another Lodge, feeling convinced that if no untoward accident interfered to interrupt our onward march, that there were sufficient of honest and true hearts in our community willing to become embraced in the "mystic tie" to handsomely sustain two Lodges. Accordingly, five of our

members withdrew, and on the 13th day of April, 1844, WAYNE LODGE, No. 2, was duly organized, and Bros. A. R. Terry, Jno. Robinson, jr. and Chas. S. Adams, were regularly installed by our D. D. G. Sire, S. York AtLee, in the order named, in the chairs of the three first elective offices. Our anticipations have been fully realized, as these two Lodges now embrace near three hundred regular contributing members, and are steadily increasing.

A strong desire for some time having been manifested by a large portion of the members of the Order in Detroit to become initiated into the Patriarchal Branch, a petition was accordingly forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States, signed by ten brethren selected by the Lodges, for the necessary degrees, and the establishment of an Encampment amongst us. Our petition was favorably received, and authority placed in the hands of P. C. P., A. B. Campfield, of Buffalo, to confer the degrees and open Michigan Encampment, No. 1, which was done on the 10th day of April, 1844, and its prosperity has fully kept pace with the Lodges around it, and now enrolls upwards of 60 regular members.

Although nothing extraordinary was done to make known the principles of the Order in contiguous counties, or throughout the State, yet its influence had become such as to elicit inquiry from the neighboring towns, and a petition was submitted to Michigan Lodge, No. 1, as early as March, 1844, from six citizens of Pontiac, in Oakland County, 25 miles distant. I remember well the joyful countenances of the band present at the old Lodge Room, when their names were submitted. They no doubt felt that this first step out of our own particular sphere of action, was but one of a series that would soon encompass the State; but notwithstanding their anxiety to be instrumental in planting Lodges elsewhere, the character of the petitioners were scrutinized closely, before they were elected. As their time permitted, they were duly initiated, and a Lodge was opened in Pontiac, from their petition, under the name of Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, on the 24th day of July, 1844, by our worthy D. D. G. Sire. Bro. John Bacon was installed the first N. G. At the organization of this Lodge, a large number of the members of the Order were present from Detroit. A short time after its organization, commenced the very close political struggle for National and State officers, and no where were they warmer in the strife than in Oakland county. This interfered

for a time with the success of this new Lodge, and its numbers were not much increased until within the present year. It now embraces fifty-one regular contributing members, and is increasing steadily.

In the meantime, applications were received in our Detroit Lodges and acted upon, from several other interior towns, and soon petitions were forwarded from Jackson and Marshall, very flourishing towns on the line of the Central Railroad, for a Lodge at each of those points, and on the 17th day of August, 1844, Jackson Lodge, No. 4, was regularly organized at Jackson by our worthy D. D. G. Sire, installing as the first Officers, Bros. W. N. Choate, Czar Jones and C. W. Penny. It now numbers 42 regular contributing members, and is in a very prosperous condition. The Order there is much indebted to P. D. G. Master Choate, for his devotion to and the many sacrifices he has made for the prosperity and interests of this Lodge.

But a day or two intervened in the establishment of Jackson and Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, at Marshall. Being aided by Bros. Stimson and Mullet, of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, who obtained their cards for the purpose, this Lodge was opened under the name of "Peninsular Lodge, No. 5," by our R. Worthy D. D. G. Sire. The first Officers installed, were Bros. J. Wright Gordon, E. C. Noble and B. Vernor. The field here for the spread of Odd Fellowship, was more extensive than in Jackson, and the Order consequently flourished more rapidly and gained strength sooner than with its neighbor; its advantage, however, has been only numerically; as for strict observance to the great principles of the Order, Jackson Lodge will compare favorably with our best Lodges.

The strength of our Order in the State having already placed us in a position to entitle us to legislate for ourselves, seven Past-Grands accordingly presented a petition in the month of August to the Grand Lodge of the United States, praying for the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Michigan. With an alacrity highly creditable to the supreme head of the Order, and honorable to us, our petition was promptly granted, and one of its most intelligent, experienced and worthy members, Grand Chaplain Albert Case, was regularly authorized to open it. As soon as possible after the adjournment of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S., brother Case appeared and was welcomed amongst us, and on the 4th of November, 1844, the Grand Lodge of Michigan was duly organized. The work, which previously labored nuder many disadvantages, for want of intelligent, authoritative instruc-

tion, was corrected in several very important particulars by Br. Case. A uniformity in the work of the Order was the only thing in which we esteemed ourselves wanting, to rank with the highest in position in our sister States; and from that time to this, we have felt assured that in regard to all the essential qualifications in Odd Fellowship, we are second to none. Our progress was enlightened, and the result has been greater prosperity.

The presence of Br. Case was taken advantage of to have him address the Order on the principles and history of Odd Fellowship, which he did, very much to the gratification and advantage of its members; the address embracing many things tending to inspire greater respect and interest in the brotherhood.

Learning that the brethren of Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, were desirous of introducing the Patriarchal branch of the Order to their jurisdiction, our worthy Brother Case, possessing full power to receive and act upon a petition, proceeded to Marshall on the 7th day of November, 1844, and regularly opened Marshall Encampment, No. 2, which now embraces some fifteen or twenty members. Its progress has been retarded considerably for the want of suitable rooms, but that objection being removed, their advancement will now go on more rapidly.

At the first meeting of our Grand Lodge, an application for the establishment of a Lodge in the beautiful and flourishing town of Niles, situated in the western part of the State, in Berrien county, was considered, and the Grand Master authorized to open it. Accordingly, having business which called me in that part of the State, about the close of November, on the 27th of that month, I regularly opened Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, and installed Bros. C. K. Green, Andrew J. Clark and J. C. Larrimore in the three highest elective offices. To none of our Lodges can I point with greater feelings of pride than this. In nothing which constitutes a Lodge of good Odd Fellows have I found it wanting—and the good order and beautiful system which prevails throughout its work at Lodge meetings, are beyond all praise. A visit to this Lodge will gratify the heart of any good Odd Fellow. Their Lodge room is a model for neatness, beauty, simplicity and comfort. They number now 67 regular members, and continue to increase steadily.

The praiseworthy zeal of our Niles brethren gave many facilities to several of our members residing in the village of Kalamazoo, for

the purpose of establishing a Lodge there, and a petition was received from them in February last, to open Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7. The Dispensation was granted and placed in the hands of Br. P. G. Gordon, of Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, to act. Accordingly Past-Grand Gordon proceeded on the 19th of February, accompanied by several brethren from Peninsular and Berrien County Lodges, and instituted on that day, Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, installing as its three first elective Officers, Brothers E. Rice, H. Mower and A. Thompson. Although their Lodge labored under many disadvantages, yet it has creditably sustained itself. It is situated in one of our most thriving and beautiful villages, one which in all probability will rank in a very few years second only to Detroit. Its population is equal to any of the towns in the State for intelligence and enterprize, and it will not be long ere the largest portion of her best citizens may be numbered among the members of this Lodge. It already embraces thirty-seven regular contributing members, and is increasing weekly. I have never had the pleasure of meeting the members of Kalamazoo Lodge on its own soil.

The next point where a branch of the Order was sought to be located, was Adrian, the seat of justice for Lenawee County, situated about 60 miles South-west of Detroit, on the Southern Railroad. A Dispensation having been granted to five brethren to form a Lodge there, Brother Past-Grand Hall was authorized to open it, and install their Officers, which duty he performed on the 6th day of March, 1845, Brothers D. D. Sinclair, J. H. Cleveland and C. Smith, having been elected to serve in the three first elective chairs. A more favorable situation, probably, could not have been selected for the location of a Lodge, for on an official visit there, a little less than three months after its organization, I was never more gratified than when I witnessed its fifty members, and the noble material of which they were formed. This was one of the points where the Order experienced much opposition and ridicule, yet the bearing and conduct of its intelligent members, have done much to blunt their shafts. It now numbers 65, of regular contributing members, and its meetings are held in a very neatly furnished and commodious room, which was fitted up by the Lodge at considerable expense, having been compelled to take it in a very unfinished condition. Their moderate rent, however, will in a few years, return to them all they have expended. This Lodge is called Adrian Lodge, No. 8.

The next in the order of organization, is the Lodge at Ann Arbor. The position of this town and its growing importance, early directed the attention of the Order in this city, to the establishment of a Lodge there. Some of its citizens, however, learning the advantages of the institution, as early looked towards its introduction amongst them, and it was not long ere they found the requisite number to petition for a Lodge. Some delay, however, occurred before it was opened, for the want of a suitable room to hold its meetings. Every thing being ready, on the 28th day of March last, this Lodge was regularly organized, being assisted by our R. W. Grand Warden Hall, and R. W. G. Treasurer Robinson, acting as D. Grand Master and Grand Marshal, and in the presence of some thirty or forty members of the Order from Detroit, who chartered a special train of cars from the State for the occasion. This Lodge is entitled Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, and its first installed Officers were Brothers James E. Platt, James W. Welch and N. H. Eggleston. The auspices under which it was opened were propitious; and those of our Order who are at all acquainted with the character and situation of our principal villages, are aware of the fact that a more congenial soil for the spread of Odd Fellowship cannot be found in the State—that its growth will be healthy and vigorous—and the fruits second to none. May those worthy brothers who have done so much for its introduction in their midst, in its future course and history, find much to congratulate them and reward them for present sacrifice, as I feel fully assured they will.— This Lodge already numbers 41 members, of the most unexceptionable character.

Here then, in the short space of nineteen months since the introduction of the Order into the State, we can already number nine Subordinate working Lodges—one Grand Lodge and two Encampments, embracing near 700 members. With probably one or two exceptions, no portion of the United States has exhibited the same comparative growth; and not the least remarkable feature in our history, is the absence of a death in the Order since its introduction into the State; nor have the brethren been, but in a very few instances, called upon to watch at the sick couch of a brother. As will be seen by the several reports from the Lodges, and by the large per centage which has poured into our coffers, their funds must be large; and the guards and the checks which have been thrown around these sacred deposits, as well as from the general prudence already evinced to preserve them,

give a sure guaranty that when it is needed, it will be there—ready to administer to the wants of the suffering brother, or cheer the fire-side of the widow and the orphan.

With assurance of high esteem,

I am, fraternally,

Your most ob't servant,

WM. DUANE WILSON.

QUARTERLY SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HELD AT THE CITY OF DETROIT, OCTOBER, 1845.

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening at "Odd Fellows' Hall," city of Detroit, being the regular Quarterly Session, when the following officers and members were present:

Asher S. Kellogg, M. W. G. Master.

Wm. Duane Wilson, R. W. D. G. Master, *p. t.*

Benjamin F. Hall, R. W. G. Warden, *p. t.*

John Chester, R. W. G. Secretary, *p. t.*

Charles S. Adams, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Henry M. Roby, W. G. Marshal.

Morris M. Williams, W. G. Guardian, *p. t.*

W. G. Conductor.

Past-Grands John B. Frink, Peninsular Lodge, No. 7; Alfred Treadway, Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, and William F. Barret, Jackson Lodge, No. 4.

The D. G. Master reported that the members present were duly qualified.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened for the transaction of business.

The proceedings of last Session were read, amended and approved.

A supplementary report from Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, relative to expulsions, was read and ordered on file.

The G. Master presented a communication from the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary of the G. L. U. S., relative to fee for Grand Representative. Ordered on file.

G. Treasurer Adams presented his report for the last quarter; read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for Subordinate

Lodges, reported through G. Marshal Roby, that the Constitution and By-Laws of Jackson Lodge, No. 4, were correct; date of Dispensation incorrect. Carried.

The Committee on Returns and Members reported that the returns from Michigan Lodge, No. 1; Wayne Lodge, No. 2; Pontiac Lodge, No. 3; Jackson Lodge, No. 4, and Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, were received and correct. Report accepted and adopted.

The G. Master reported, that having received from six brothers a petition for the establishment of a Lodge at Ypsilanti, a Dispensation was granted in accordance with the Constitution of the G. L.; and that on 17th September he instituted and installed "Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10." Officers installed, Benjamin Follett, N. G.; Alfred A. Hunter, V. G.; Chauncey Joslin, Secretary; Thomas O. Hill, Treasurer. Report accepted and adopted.

On motion of P. G. M. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That a Charter be granted to Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.

The Committee of Finance reported, that the report of the Grand Treasurer was correct.

On motion of P. G. M. Wilson, it was

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master be authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for the contingent expenses of the G. Lodge, including postage, rent, &c. &c.

The "General Laws" laid on the table at the last Session were taken up.

On motion of P. G. W. Hall, it was

Resolved, That the word *who* be stricken out, and the words *two of whom* be inserted in article first; that the blank in article four be filled with *three*.

On motion of G. Treasurer Adams, it was

Resolved, That the General Laws as amended be adopted.

GENERAL LAWS

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

PREAMBLE.—For the purpose of effecting as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order, within its jurisdiction, the *Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan*, the supreme tribunal of Odd Fellowship in this State, with-

out whose sanction and control no Lodge can exist within its limits, ordains the following articles *for the government* of Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

Lodges shall be constituted by at least five members, *two of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree*, and shall be hailed and entitled Lodge, No. , I. O. O. F., and shall possess the full power and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed Dispensation or *Charter*, duly granted, and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.—*Admissions, &c.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. No person shall be permitted to become a member of any Lodge unless he be a free white male, not under twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, who believes in a Supreme Being; the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; be free from disease, and have some known reputable means of support, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Clause 2. The name of a person offered for initiation, must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence and business; which, must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report at the succeeding regular meeting, when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots, and if no BLACK ball appear against him, he shall be elected; but if two or more appear, he shall be rejected and so declared. But to prevent mistakes which may occur, the balloting may be gone into a second time, previous to the result being declared. Should one black ball appear, the balloting shall be deferred one week.

Clause 3. A brother who may have withdrawn from his Lodge, may be again admitted to membership by a vote of his Lodge, and the payment of his dues from the time of his withdrawal to the date of his re-admission. His card of clearance shall also be returned to the Lodge.

Clause 4. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the Lodges in the same and adjoining counties; and no person so rejected shall be again balloted for in any Lodge, for the space of six months.

Contributions and Benefits.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The regular contributions to the Lodge fund shall not be at less rate than 64 cents per week, to be determined by the By-Laws as well as the amount for Education Fund and Tax Fund; and the Lodge shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined, for twelve months.

Clause 2. Every *bona fide* member who shall be qualified as required by the By-Laws, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge.

Clause 3. In case of the death of a brother, who shall be qualified as provided in clause two, there shall be allowed from the Lodge, a sum not less than thirty dollars, to defray the expenses of burial, which shall be paid over without delay to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The N. G. in the absence of competent relations, shall take charge of the funeral, and receive account of disbursements.

Clause 4. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified, as provided by clause two, he shall be entitled to a sum not less than fifteen dollars, for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.

Penalties and Trial.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member of a Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence, be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment to the Lodge.

Clause 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother, in proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers, be brought before the Lodge, they shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the implicated brother; and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question: and if not involving the expulsion or

suspension of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision, to the Lodge, it shall be final without other action from the Lodge. Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose, to the Lodge for action.

Clause 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a brother shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to the action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Lodge, on the time when it may have been determined to consider the question; at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine it; two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Clause 5. When the decision of a Committee appointed under clause three, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Lodge; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the Lodge shall determine the correctness of the decision of the Committee by a majority of votes present.

Clause 6. Any brother, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial; and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

Clause 7. Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all Lodges in the vicinity; and a brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.—*Elected and Appointed Officers.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. The elective officers of a Lodge shall consist of N. G., V. G., Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term

each. However, when deemed necessary, the Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary, in addition, to serve twelve months.

Clause 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a W., C., I. G., O. G., R. H. S. N. G., L. H. S. N. G., R. H. S. V. G., L. H. S. V. G. and R. and L. S. S., who shall serve a regular term each; and may appoint a Chaplain at their option.

Duty of Officers.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Clause 2. A Permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the Lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members, but the Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform all other duties of the office.

Elections, &c.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. No brother shall be eligible to the Chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term of V. G. Nor shall any brother be eligible as V. G., unless he has served two terms in some inferior office.

Clause 2. All elective officers, and the W. and O. G., shall have attained to the Scarlet Degree previous to installation.

Clause 3. Nominations for the elective offices shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the elections, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Clause 4. No Past-Officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past, when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such Office, except the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.

Clause 5. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term; and shall be installed at the first meeting in the succeeding one.

Clause 6. Any Officer absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge. And all vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the former selection, to serve the residue of the term; and Officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE IV.

TERMS AND RETURNS.—*Terms.*

FIRST SECTION.

Regular quarterly terms shall commence on the first meetings in July, October, January and April; and regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings of July and January only, and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Returns.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. It shall be the duty of the last Past-Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof—re-instated—and deceased; together with the number of degrees conferred—the whole number in membership—the amount of receipts—and the result of the election of Officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due—to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. It shall be the duty of the Lodge also to forward to the Grand Lodge, in like manner, up to the first day of July annually, a full return of the members of the Lodge, ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved by the Lodge in the past year, the number of widowed families relieved, the number of brothers buried, with the amount of monies applied to each of these purposes, designating that paid for education of orphans.

Forfeiture of Charter.

THIRD SECTION.

Should a Lodge fail to make its returns, as required by the second section of this Article, for three successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall become the duty of the last installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to receive them,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

DEGREES—*Eligibility for Degrees.*

FIRST SECTION.

Brothers who have been in membership one month shall be eligible for degrees; but not more than three degrees shall be conferred on a

brother at the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proven.

Rates of Degrees.

SECOND SECTION.

No degree shall be conferred until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor, which shall not be less than the following rate, viz :—One dollar each.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.—*Amendment.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. These Articles, nor any part thereof, shall be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, except on motion, made in Grand Lodge and adopted by the Representatives of a majority of the Lodges present.

By-Laws.

SECOND SECTION.

Lodges shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

P. G. M. Wilson tendered his resignation as a member of the "Committee of Correspondence," and "Committee on Grievances of Lodges." Accepted.

P. G. Chester was appointed on the Committee of Grievances of Lodges.

P. G. Hall was appointed on the Committee of Correspondence.

On motion of P. G. Hall, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. G. Secretary furnish P. G. M. Wilson a certificate as Past Grand Master.

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That the Committee on Seal be discharged.

On motion of G. Treasurer Adams

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master be directed to procure a Seal.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

JOHN ROBINSON, Jr., *Grand Secretary.*

QUARTERLY SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HELD AT THE CITY OF DETROIT, JANUARY, 1846.

Wednesday, January 14, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening at "Odd Fellows' Hall," city of Detroit, being the regular Quarterly Session, when the following officers and members were present :

Asher S. Kellogg, M. W. G. Master.

A. Treadway, R. W. D. G. Master, *p. t.*

Benjamin F. Hall, R. W. G. Warden, *p. t.*

Jno. Robinson, Jr., R. W. G. Secretary.

Charles S. Adams, R. W. G. Treasurer.

Henry M. Roby, W. G. Marshal.

Hartford Joy, W. G. Guardian.

H. L. Whipple, W. G. Conductor.

D. D. G. M. Sinclair, Adrian Lodge, No. 8; and P. G. Stewart, Pontiac Lodge, No. 3.

The D. G. Master reported that the members present were duly qualified.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened for the transaction of business.

The proceedings of last Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Returns and Members, to whom was referred the certificates of the Representatives from the several Subordinate Lodges, reported that they had examined the same and found them correct, viz :

P. G. I. Davis, of Michigan Lodge, No. 1;

P. G. E. B. Hoyt, B. Keeney and G. R. Griswold, of Wayne Lodge, No. 2;

P. G. B. C. Whittemore, of Pontiac Lodge, No. 3;

P. G. Czar Jones, of Jackson Lodge, No. 4;

P. G. Wm. L. Greenly, of Adrian Lodge, No. 8;

P. G. J. E. Platt, and N. H. Eggleston, of Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9;

P. G. Benj. Follett, of Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the new members duly instructed and admitted to their seats.

The Grand Master presented the following report:

Detroit, January 14, 1846.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—In again meeting you, as the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges composing the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, I embrace the occasion to present to you such subjects as appear to me particularly to require legislative action at this time.

This body being the supreme head of the Order of Odd Fellows in this State, its Sessions are looked to with much respect. We should meet together in a spirit of brotherly love, to communicate information of the state, condition and prosperity of the brotherhood in our respective districts; to make known the advantages derived from a knowledge of the principles taught and practiced by our Order; to enact such laws and establish such rules and regulations, as our experience may have suggested that we require, to more fully and extensively disseminate the principles and practice of "Friendship, Love and Truth."

In making this communication, it affords me much satisfaction to state, that all the Lodges within this jurisdiction, are in a state of prosperity highly creditable to the Officers, under whose care and superintendence they have been for the last quarter, and to the members of the Order in general.

The members of the Fraternity have, by their practice and by the dissemination of the principles of the Order, made manifest the benefits to be derived therefrom. A desire to share in that which has been found productive of good to others, has caused a large increase of members. We now number nearly 800 members, directly connected with, and working by virtue of authority derived from, this Grand Lodge.

This large body, all of whom acknowledge the benefits and advantages of a connection with the Order, are from all classes of our citizens. They hail each other as brothers; they vie with each other in their endeavors to disseminate the true principles of our Order ;

amongst them no distinction is known either in religious or political opinion; the rich and the poor are alike entitled, and alike receive, the benefits derived from a connexion with the Order.

The year that has just closed, and the one that we are now entering upon, is an epoch in the history of Odd Fellowship in this country; the past, as the year in which was brought to a close the labors of the Committee appointed to revise the work of the Order, which, after having received the sanction of the experience, talent and wisdom of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, has been put in operation at the commencement of the present year.

Of the labors of the Committee on the work, there can be but one opinion—that of entire satisfaction. We may proudly point to their efforts as an honor to our Order, and justly acknowledge a debt of gratitude, that can only be paid by a strict adherence to the practice of principles so beautifully pointed out to us, by the Fathers of the Order.

I have the pleasure to lay before you a petition from five brothers, residents of Grand Rapids, Kent Co., Mich., in due form, praying that the Grand Lodge will grant a Charter to establish a Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. at Grand Rapids, to be known and hailed as “Irvin Lodge,” No. 11. I recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. I have received assurances that preparatory steps are being taken to petition for Charters for Lodges at Mount Clemens, Hillsdale, Albion, Battle Creek and Brooklyn. Movements of this kind, are among the pleasing evidences of the wide-spread popularity of the Order in this jurisdiction.

The Report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, showing the amount of revenue received and paid to the R. W. G. Treasurer, and the Report of the R. W. G. Treasurer, of receipts and disbursements, in conformity with his duties, will be laid before you. From these Reports it will be seen that the revenue has exceeded the disbursements \$121 41; and that after meeting necessary expenditures of the present Session, there will still remain a surplus in the Treasury.

In our present prosperous condition, there is no question but the receipts into the Treasury will be much larger this than any previous quarter, and much more than an economical expenditure for conducting our business, will require. In view of these facts, I would respectfully suggest the propriety of amending Article 5, Section 2, so

as to require from Subordinate Lodges 10 per cent. only, on the amount received into their "General Fund."

Several Articles of the Constitution, under which we exist, it appears to me, require amendments, or constructions given to them, to obviate differences of opinion that frequently arise as to the intent and meaning of the same. Clause 3, Article 4 of the Constitution, relative to business transacted at Quarterly Sessions, is particularly referred to. The positive necessity of an alteration of that Section, will present itself to you during the Session. Also 3d Section, Article 3, Qualifications for holding Elective Offices in this body, in my opinion, is contrary to the usage and custom of the Order, and may if retained, deprive this body of the services of some of its most valuable members in the Elective Offices.

Your attention is respectfully directed to the adoption, at this time, of "General Rules" for the admission of brothers by deposit of Card, and of those whose Cards are out of date, and of such as have lost their Cards, but can prove themselves Odd Fellows, in the language of the Order denominated Ancient "Odd Fellows." Your construction of Clause 11, Article 3, of the Constitution, on a point raised by the W. D. D. G. M. of the First District in his Report which I shall lay before you, is asked for.

A rule more fully defining the eligibility of brothers to fill the N. G. and V. G. Chairs, is much required. This Grand Lodge at its organization, adopted a resolution availing itself of the privilege granted by the Grand Lodge of the U. S. to allow the two first N. G's of a Lodge, to receive all the P. O. degrees, though they had not filled all the offices. "Resolutions" more fully explaining the intention and meaning of the G. L. of the U. S. were adopted at its last Session, which I shall lay before you, and request that our rules may be made to conform to the same.

In adopting our "General Laws," the privilege was given to the Subordinate Lodges to elect, when they should deem it necessary, a Permanent Secretary, to serve for twelve months. The question has recently been raised in one of the Lodges, that a brother having been elected to, and filled the office of P. S. for a majority of the term, was qualified for the V. G's Chair. The subject was brought to my notice by the Lodge, and my opinion requested. Looking to the work of the the Order as our Constitution, and to constructions given to it by those

who have passed the highest offices of the Order, I decided that the office of P. S. was not in the line of promotion. It is an office in most Lodges, in which the incumbent receives a money compensation, therefore should not be entitled to honors. The P. O. degrees are designed to be conferred on brothers for faithful and meritorious services in the several offices which they have held.

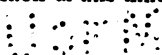
It has already occurred and may again happen, unless legislation is interposed, that a V. G. installed at the commencement of a term, was after a few weeks, elevated to the N. G's Chair, thus passing both chairs in one term. With the expression of my opinion that such a course of action if not corrected, will operate injuriously, and is contrary to usage, custom and law, I leave the subject to your action, trusting you will enact such rules as in your good judgment shall be calculated to restrain such acts in future.

The instances that have occurred of individuals gaining admission to the Order out of this jurisdiction, who could not here get recommended by brothers of the Order, or who have been rejected on account of notoriously bad character, admonishes of the urgent necessity of adopting a law prescribing for our government, a term of residence before a petition shall be received by a Lodge. The term, in my opinion, should not be less than is required by the laws of our State, to enjoy all the privileges of citizenship.

The question of the right of Subordinate Lodges to refuse to initiate candidates who have been elected, has arisen. When it has been clearly ascertained that the Lodge had been imposed upon, and that the admission of such candidates would be a disgrace to the Lodge and the Order in general, I have advised the Lodges to refuse to initiate the candidates, on the ground of self-protection and respect to themselves. The question is one of much importance, and great care should be observed in the adoption of a rule to govern in such cases, that it be clearly defined and so restricted that abuses may not grow up under it.

I herewith lay before you, "Preamble and Resolutions" adopted by Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, relative to the act of that Lodge in a case of the presentation of a Visiting Card, from Columbia Lodge, No. 1; and respectfully ask that action be had by you, to govern Subordinates in similar cases hereafter.

I have thus briefly alluded to such subjects as have come under my notice, particularly requiring your attention at this time. Connected



as you are, and coming directly from the active duties of your Lodges, subjects of equal, if not of more importance, may have come under your observation, which it is your privilege, as I have no doubt it will be your pleasure to present for our deliberation.

In the full confidence that we have met together in a spirit of harmony and concession, and hoping that our efforts will be unitedly and earnestly directed in the discharge of the duties we have to perform, and that our acts may prove beneficial in promoting the prosperity and happiness of our Order, I commit the suggestions I have made to your hands.

A. S. KELLOGG, G. M.

On motion of D. D. G. Master Chester, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee.

On motion, D. D. G. Master Chester, P. G's Whittemore and Follitt, were elected said Committee.

The Grand Secretary presented a petition, in due form, from Jos. Stanford, S. B. Ball, W. D. Roberts, Benjamin Smith and H. P. Yale, for a Charter to establish a Lodge at Grand Rapids, Kent county. Referred to a Special Committee, consisting of P. G's Jones, Griswold and Whipple.

Grand Treasurer Adams presented his report for the last quarter. Referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Correspondence reported that they had no communication to present.

The Grand Master submitted the following report, which was accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

At the October Session of this Grand Lodge, "On motion of Grand Treasurer Adams, it was *Resolved*, That the M. W. G. Master be directed to procure a seal."

In compliance with the above resolution, the undersigned begs leave to report: That after several unsuccessful efforts to procure from artists an appropriate design, as a last resort the undersigned procured an impression of the Great Seal of this State, from which he adopted a design for a seal of this Grand Lodge, and placed it in the hands of George Doty, Esq., a worthy brother of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, to have engraved, and herewith presents a proof impression of the seal as a part of this report.

In connection with this subject, the undersigned begs leave to suggest the propriety of having the Seal engraved on copper, for the purpose of printing, in order that the paper used in the Official correspondence of the officers may bear the Seal of the Lodge. Should the Lodge concur in this suggestion, authority should be given to an officer of this Lodge to cause the same to be done.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A: S. KELLOGG, *G. M. and Committee.*

G. W. Hall tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee of Correspondence. Accepted.

P. G. Griswold was appointed on the Committee of Correspondence.

D. D. G. Master Chester submitted the following, which was carried:

That whereas, the delivery of public lectures, by injudicious persons, on Odd Fellowship, may prove injurious to the Order,

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge hereby earnestly recommend all persons under its jurisdiction, to discountenance the delivery of any and every public lecture, or address, not sanctioned officially by the M. W. Grand Master, or a D. D. Grand Master, and that all lectures, so sanctioned, be free.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Thursday, January 15, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present the Officers and a due representation.

The journal of proceedings of the Session of yesterday was read and approved.

Past-Grand Jones, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the petition to establish a Subordinate Lodge in the village of Grand Rapids, Kent county, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of brothers Joseph Stanford, S. B. Ball, W. D. Roberts, Benjamin Smith and H. P. Yale, with cards in hand in due form, praying for a Charter for a Lodge to be located in the village of Grand Rapids, Kent county, State of Michigan, to be known and hailed as Irvin Lodge, No. 11, I. O. of O. F., beg leave respectfully to report, that they have had the same

under consideration and find no reason why the prayer of the petitioners should not be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

CZAR JONES, *Chairman Com.*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Master, submitted the following Report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Report from the M. W. Grand Master, beg leave to report,

That whereas, the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge has not been laid before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for its sanction and approval, and requires careful revision, they recommend the appointment of a Special committee to revise the same, its By-Laws and General Rules, and to report at the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge.

They recommend the immediate adoption of the following amendments, to wit:

The insertion of the words "perform all other duties appertaining to his office," immediately after the word "delay," in Clause 1st, of Section 2d, of Article 3d, of the Constitution.

The striking out of all after the words "respective districts," in Clause 11th, of Section 2d, of Article 3d, of the Constitution; and the insertion in lieu thereof, of the words, "and perform all the duties appertaining to the office of Grand Master, under the direction of that Officer."*

That Section 3d, of Article 3d, be stricken out and the following substituted:

"No one shall be eligible for any office in the Grand Lodge, unless he is in possession of all the side degrees, nor to the office of Grand Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless in possession of the Royal Purple degree."

That Clause 2d and Clause 3d of the 1st Section of Article 4th of the Constitution, be stricken out, and the following substituted:

"*Clause 2d.* At the 'Annual Session' the Grand Officers shall be elected; and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge, may be transacted."

*A substitute, offered by the M. W. Grand Master, was adopted in lieu, to wit: The insertion of the words "except when otherwise ordered by the G. M." after the word "charge," in Clause 11th, Section 2d, Article 3d, of the Constitution.

Clause 3d. At the Quarterly Session, all business as provided in Clause 2d, except the election of Grand Officers, may be transacted."

That the words "one year," in Article 2d, Section 1st of the By-Laws, be stricken out, and the words "nine months," substituted.

That all the words printed within brackets, in Section 2d of Article 3d of the By-Laws, be stricken out.

That the form for "Quarterly Reports," on page 31, be amended by striking out the words "and installed."

That Clause 1st of Section 3d of Article 3d, of "General Laws," be stricken out, and the following substituted :

"No brother shall be eligible to the Chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term as V. G.; nor shall any Brother be eligible to the Chair of V. G. unless he has served a regular term as Secretary; nor shall any Brother be eligible to the Chair of Secretary, unless he has served a regular term in some inferior office, (other than that of Permanent Secretary, Chaplain, or Junior Warden.)"

That Clause 6th of Article 3d, of "General Laws," be stricken out, and the following substituted :

"Any Officer absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge. Any office becoming vacant, shall be filled by a person who was eligible thereto, on the commencement of the term during which the vacancy occurred. Nominations shall be made on the meeting previous to election, and Officers so electing and serving, shall alone receive the honors of such office, for the term."

The adoption of the following Clauses, to be inserted under Article 2d, Section 1st, of "General Laws :"

"*Clause 5.* A brother of the Order wishing to become a member, shall present his Card from the Lodge of which he was a member, which shall be referred to a committee of three, and in all other respects disposed of as provided by Clause 2d, for other applicants, and on being admitted, shall pay a sum not less than one dollar."

"*Clause 6.* An Ancient Odd Fellow, whose Card is out of date, or which may have been lost, can be admitted as provided in Clause 5th, paying into the 'Lodge Fund' a sum not less than five dollars—conforming to the 'Special Directions' of the work of the Order, and to such other regulations as the N. G. may direct."

"*Clause 7.* A Lodge having elected a person to membership, who

is, prior to his admission, found to be unworthy, may refuse to initiate him—may reconsider their vote and reject him.”

Your Committee are fully aware of the evils incident to frequent changes by legislation, and regret that sufficient time is not allowed them to embody in their report, the causes which render those recommended, of *imperative necessity*.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CHESTER, *Chairman*.

BENJAMIN FOLLETT.

B. C. WHITTEMORE.

On motion of Grand Secretary, Robinson, it was

Resolved, That the General Laws, as amended, be printed with the proceedings.

The G. Master appointed P. G. Treadway, D. D. G. Master, Chester, and P. G., Follett, a Special Committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of G. W., Hall, it was

Resolved, That the expenses of the M. W. G. Master, while Officially visiting the Lodges throughout the State, be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Grand Secretary Robinson, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to procure a copper plate seal for this Grand Lodge, as recommended in his report.

The Committee on Returns and Members submitted the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Returns and Members, respectfully report; that they have examined the returns from the different Lodges, and would respectfully report the following as the result of their labors:

Report from Lodges for the Quarter ending October 1, 1845, not having been received at the last Quarterly Session of this Grand Lodge:

Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, correct.

Adrian Lodge, No. 8, correct.

Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, not correct for amount received for degrees.

Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, no seal.

Report from Lodges for the Quarter ending January 1, 1846.

Michigan Lodge, No. 1, excess on degrees.

Wayne Lodge, No. 2, correct.

Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, no report.

Jackson Lodge, No. 4, short in per centage, and dues not paid.

Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, no report.

Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, short on degrees.

Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, dues not paid; no Seal.

Adrian Lodge, No. 8, correct.

Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, error in No. P. G's; short in degrees.

Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10, report no P. G.; short in degrees.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. M. ROBY,

D. D. SINCLAIR.

D. D. Grand Master Sinclair submitted the following resolution, which was carried:

Resolved, That Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, be, and are hereby instructed and required, to procure a suitable Seal for the use of said Lodge, and that they procure the same on or before the next Quarterly Session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of D. D. G. Master Sinclair, it was

Resolved, That the form for examination of Visiting Brothers, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Communication in September, 1844, be embraced in the published proceedings of this Lodge, for the use of the Subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Form for examination of Visiting Brothers, as prescribed by the G. Lodge of the United States, at its Annual Communication, holden at Baltimore, September, 1844. Ordered to be printed by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, for the information of the Lodges under its jurisdiction.

“ When a Visiting Brother presents himself at the door of a Lodge, it is his duty to hand his card to the Guardian, that it may be placed in possession of the Lodge. If the Lodge be satisfied of its authenticity, they will thereupon appoint a Committee of three members, all of whom must have received the Scarlet Degree, to proceed to the ante-room and examine the Visiting Brother. One member of this Committee must be the Noble Grand himself, or his Vice, or sitting Past-Grand, or some other brother known to be in possession of the T. P. W., whose especial duty it shall be, *first*, to obtain the said T. P. W., privately from the Visitor, whose duty it shall be to commence by let-

ters. This preliminary being settled, the Committee will then proceed to examine the Visiter in the degree in which the Lodge is open, and will report their judgment to the Lodge. If the Visiter be received, he will work his way in."

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was accepted and the resolution adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. G. Master as relates to the ten per cent. received from Subordinates, would respectfully report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges will not hereafter be required to pay ten per cent. on the receipts into the widows' and orphans' fund.

H. M. ROBY, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Finance reported that the report of the Grand Treasurer was correct. Also, that the rent bill of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, was correct, and the warrant to pay the same was ordered to be drawn.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until 6½ o'clock, P. M.

Thursday, January 15, 6½ o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Officers and a due representation.

The Committee on Returns and Members reported that the returns from Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, and Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, had been received, and were correct. Report accepted.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Communication from Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, relative to the refusal of said Lodge to admit a Visiting applicant from Columbian Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. New York, reported resolutions approving the action of Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9. Carried.

On motion of D. D. G. Master Chester, it was

Resolved, That no certificate of membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows shall be issued by the Officers of any Lodge in this State, unless by a vote of the Lodge at a regular meeting; nor shall any member of the Order, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, exhibit any certificate not sanctioned by a Lodge, that may now be in his possession.

On motion of P. G. Follett, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, Grand Warden, and Grand Marshal, be a Committee to procure twenty sets of Past-Grand's Regalia for the use of this Lodge.

D. D. G. Master Chester offered the following Preamble and Resolution, which were adopted :

That whereas, This Grand Lodge, at a former Session, voted that the expenses of the Grand Officers in Installing Officers of Lodges be paid from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge ; And whereas, Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, has paid such expenses from her own Treasury ; therefore,

Resolved, That all moneys so paid be refunded by this Grand Lodge.

GENERAL LAWS

Of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Michigan, with all Amendments adopted to January Session, 1846, embodied therein.

PREAMBLE.—For the purpose of effecting as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order, within its jurisdiction, the *Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan*, the supreme tribunal of Odd Fellowship in this State, without whose sanction and control no Lodge can exist within its limits, ordains the following Articles *for the government* of Subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

Lodges shall be constituted by at least five members, *two of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree*, and shall be hailed and entitled

Lodge, No. , I. O. O. F., and shall possess the full power and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed Dispensation or *Charter*, duly granted, and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.—*Admissions, &c.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. No person shall be permitted to become a member of any Lodge unless he be a free white male, not under twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; be free from disease, and

have some known reputable means of support, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Clause 2. The name of a person offered for initiation, must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence and business; which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report at the succeeding regular meeting, when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots, and if no black ball appear against him, he shall be elected; but if two or more appear, he shall be rejected and so declared. But to prevent mistakes which may occur, the balloting may be gone into a second time, previous to the result being declared. Should one black ball appear, the balloting shall be deferred one week.

Clause 3. A brother who may have withdrawn from his Lodge, may be again admitted to membership by a vote of his Lodge, and the payment of his dues from the time of his withdrawal to the date of his re-admission. His card of clearance shall also be returned to the Lodge.

Clause 4. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the Lodges in the same and adjoining counties; and no person so rejected shall be again balloted for in any Lodge, for the space of six months.

Clause 5. A brother of the Order wishing to become a member, shall present his card from the Lodge of which he was a member, which shall be referred to a Committee of three, and in all other respects disposed of as provided by Clause two, for other applicants, and on being admitted shall pay a sum of not less than one dollar.

Clause 6. An Ancient Odd Fellow, whose card is out of date, or which may have been lost, can be admitted as provided in Clause five, paying into the "Lodge fund," a sum not less than five dollars, conforming to the "Special Directions" of the work of the Order, and to such other regulations as the N. G. may direct.

Clause 7. Any Lodge having elected a person to membership who is, prior to his admission, found to be unworthy, may refuse to initiate him; may reconsider their vote and reject him.

Contributions and Benefits.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The regular contributions to the Lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than 64 cents per week, to be determined by the By-Laws, as well as the amount for Education Fund and Funeral Tax; and the

Lodge shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined, for twelve months.

Clause 2. Every *bona fide* member who shall be qualified as required by the By-Laws, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge.

Clause 3. In case of the death of a brother, who shall be qualified as provided in Clause two, there shall be allowed from the Lodge, a sum not less than thirty dollars, to defray the expenses of burial, which shall be paid over without delay to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The N. G. in the absence of competent relations, shall take charge of the funeral, and receive account of disbursements.

Clause 4. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified, as provided by Clause two, he shall be entitled to a sum not less than fifteen dollars, for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.

Penalties and Trial.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member of a Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence, be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment to the Lodge.

Clause 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother, in proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers, be brought before the Lodge, they shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the implicated brother; and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question; and if not involving the expulsion or suspension of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision, to the Lodge, it shall be final without other action from the Lodge. Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for that purpose, to the Lodge for action.

Clause 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a brother shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to the action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Lodge, on the time when it may have been determined to consider the question; at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine it; two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Clause 5. When the decision of a Committee appointed under Clause three, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Lodge; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the Lodge shall determine the correctness of the decision of the Committee by a majority of votes present.

Clause 6. Any brother, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial; and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

Clause 7. Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all Lodges in the vicinity; and a brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.—*Elected and Appointed Officers.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. The elective Officers of a Lodge shall consist of N. G., V. G., Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each. However, when deemed necessary, the Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary, in addition, to serve twelve months.

Clause 2. The appointed Officers shall consist of a W., C., I. G., O. G., R. H. S. N. G., L. H. S. N. G., R. H. S. V. G., L. H. S. V. G. and R. and L. S. S., who shall serve a regular term each; and may appoint a Chaplain at their option.

Duty of Officers.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The duties of the various Officers shall be as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Clause 2. A Permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the Lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members, but the Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform all other duties of the office.

Elections, &c.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. No brother shall be eligible to the Chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term of V. G.; nor shall any brother be eligible to the Chair of the V. G. unless he has served a regular term as Secretary; nor shall any brother be eligible to the Chair of Secretary, unless he has served a regular term in some inferior office, (other than that of Permanent Secretary, Chaplain or Junior Warden.)

Clause 2. All elective officers, and the W. and O. G., shall have attained to the Scarlet Degree previous to installation.

Clause 3. Nominations for the elective offices shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the elections, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Clause 4. No Past-Officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past, when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such office, except the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.

Clause 5. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term; and shall be installed at the first meeting in the succeeding one.

Clause 6. Any Officer absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge. Any office becoming vacant shall be filled by a person who was eligible thereto on the commencement of the term during which the vacancy occurred. Nominations shall be made at the meeting previous to election, and Officers so elected and serving shall alone receive the honors of such office for the term.

ARTICLE IV.

TERMS AND RETURNS.—*Terms.*

FIRST SECTION.

Regular Quarterly terms shall commence on the first meetings in July, October, January and April; and regular Semi-Annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings of July and January only, and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Returns.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. It shall be the duty of the last Past-Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, re-instated, and deceased; together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of Officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. It shall be the duty of the Lodge also to forward to the Grand Lodge, in like manner, up to the first day of July annually, a full return of the members of the Lodge, ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved by the Lodge in the past year, the number of widowed families relieved, the number of brothers buried, with the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, designating that paid for education of orphans.

Forfeiture of Charter.

THIRD SECTION.

Should a Lodge fail to make its returns, as required by the second section of this Article, for three successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its Charter and become extinct; and it shall become the duty of the last installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to receive them,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

DEGREES—*Eligibility for Degrees.*

FIRST SECTION.

Brothers who have been in membership one month shall be eligible

for degrees ; but not more than three degrees shall be conferred on a brother at the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proven.

Rates of Degrees.

SECOND SECTION.

No degree shall be conferred until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor, which shall not be less than the following rate, viz :—One dollar each.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.—*Amendment.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. These Articles, nor any part thereof, shall be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, except on motion, made in Grand Lodge and adopted by the Representatives of a majority of the Lodges present.

By-Laws.

SECOND SECTION.

Lodges shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

Adjourned, *sine die.*

JOHN ROBINSON, Jr., *Grand Secretary.*

QUARTERLY SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HELD AT THE CITY OF DETROIT, APRIL, 1846.

Wednesday, April 8, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening at "Odd Fellows' Hall," city of Detroit, being the regular Quarterly Session. Present:

Asher S. Kellogg, M. W. G. Master.

A. Treadway, R. W. D. G. Master, *p. t.*

B. G. Stimson, R. W. Grand Warden,

Jno. Robinson, Jr., R. W. G. Secretary.

Charles S. Adams, R. W. G. Treasurer.

W. G. Marshal.

M. M. Williams, W. G. Guardian *p. t.*

H. L. Whipple, W. G. Conductor.

and a due representation.

The D. G. Master reported that the members present were duly qualified.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened for the transaction of business.

The proceedings of last Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Returns and Members, to whom was referred the certificates of the Representatives from the several Subordinate Lodges, reported that they had examined the same and found them correct, viz:

P. G. F. Woodbridge, of Wayne Lodge, No. 2;

P. G's Joseph E. Hyde and M. L. Bagg, of Pontiac Lodge, No. 3;

P. G. Benjamin Verner, of Peninsular Lodge, No. 5;

P. G's James M. Welch and O. W. Moore, of Washtenaw Lodge,
No. 9.

P. G. Alfred A. Hunter, of Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the new members duly instructed and admitted to their seats.

The Grand Master presented the following report:

REPORT OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER, }
Detroit, April 8, 1846. }

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—I avail myself of the occasion to most cordially felicitate you on the continued prosperity of the fraternity within this jurisdiction. Returns received from Subordinate Lodges show a large increase of members. Three Lodges, Nos. 11, 12 and 13, have been instituted by me since our last Session, viz: Irving Lodge, No. 11, located at Grand Rapids, Kent county, under a Charter granted at your last Session, was instituted on the 6th February, and the following Officers elected and installed:

Br. Samuel B. Ball, N. G.	Br. Wm. D. Roberts, Sec'y.
Br. H. P. Yalc, V. G.	Br. Jos. Stanford, Treasurer.

Meetings on Monday evenings.

Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12, located in the city of Detroit, was instituted on the 7th March, the following Officers elected and installed, viz:

Br. Jno. Winder, N. G.	Br. Addison Mandell, Sec'y.
Br. Jno. W. Strong, V. G.	Br. Edgar F. Randolph, Treas'r.

Meetings on Saturday evenings.

Macomb Lodge, No. 13, located in the village of Mt. Clemens, instituted March 11, the following Officers installed, viz:

Br. Charles H. Cary, N. G.	Br. H. C. Kibbee, Sec'y.
Br. Henry D. Terry, V. G.	Br. Josh. B. Dickinson, Treas'r.

Meetings on Friday evenings.

The two last named Lodges have been instituted under Dispensations granted by the Executive Committee. They are now in successful operation, and I would respectfully ask that the action of the Executive Committee be concurred in, and Charters granted to said Lodges.

Besides instituting and installing the officers of the above named Lodges, I have visited officially, with one exception, all the Subordinate Lodges out of the city, and have been present as often as practicable at the meetings of the Lodges in this city.

My visit to the Lodges was as follows:

Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, on the 21st January.

Washtenaw do " 9, " 3d February.

Peninsular do " 5, " 4th "

Irving do " 11, " 7th "

Berrien co., do " 6, " 10th "

Kalamazoo do " 7, " 12th "

Jackson do " 4, " 13th "

Wyandotte do " 10, " 14th "

The object of my visit was to give instructions and directions under the revised work of the Order, and to attain as far as practicable, an entire uniformity in the work in all the Lodges under this jurisdiction. The visit, although made during an inclement season of the year, was made pleasant by the kind and courteous attentions of the brothers of the Order wherever met with. Special meetings were called with alacrity by the Officers, and fully attended. It affords me pleasure to add, that good Order, decorum, and a strict observance of the rules and regulations of our Order, are governing principles in our Subordinates *generally*.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of this Grand Lodge availing itself of the privilege granted by the Grand Lodge of the U. S. at its Session, 1844, authorizing State Grand Lodges, in their discretion, to permit their Subordinates to initiate ministers of the gospel without charge.

I lay before you a copy of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, at its Session in January last, censuring Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, and which may very properly receive some notice from you.

All which is respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

A. S. KELLOGG, G. M.

On motion of Grand Secretary Robinson, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Grand Master be referred to a Special Committee.

The Chair announced the following as the Special Committee: D. G. Master Treadway, P. G. Platt and P. G. Verner.

Grand Treasurer Adams presented his report for the last quarter. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Secretary presented a Communication from J. J. Davis, Jno. G. Clayton and Jas. S. Cole, Committee on the part of Columbia

Lodge, No. 1, I. O. of O. F., New York. Read and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of P. G's Moore, Woodbridge and Verner.

The Grand Master presented a Communication from Adrian Lodge, No. 8. Read and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of G. Treasurer Adams, P. G's Hyde and Welch.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that they had no Communication to present.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's report, reported sundry resolutions, which were adopted.

P. G. Woodbridge presented the By-Laws and Rules of Order of Wayne Lodge, No. 2. Referred to Committee on By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Returns and Members submitted the following report, which was accepted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Returns and Members respectfully report: That they have examined the returns from the different Lodges, and would respectfully report the following as the result of their labors:

Reports from Lodges for the Quarter ending April 1, 1846.

Michigan Lodge, No. 1, correct.

Wayne Lodge, No. 2, dues not paid.

Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, excess in per centage.

Jackson Lodge, No. 4, correct.

Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, excess in per centage.

Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6, correct.

Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, no report.

Adrian Lodge, No. 8, no report.

Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, excess in per centage; no Seal.

Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10, excess in per centage.

Irving Lodge, No. 11, no report.

Wa-we-atónong Lodge, No. 12, no report.

Macomb Lodge, No. 13, no report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. L. WHIPPLE,
A. A. HUNTER,
F. WOODBRIDGE.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Communication

from Adrian Lodge, No. 8, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee to whom was referred the Communication from Adrian Lodge, No. 8, would respectfully report: That, in their opinion, no Subordinate Lodge can refuse a card of withdrawal, when the brother is free from the books, and no charges are preferred against him.

Respectfully submitted:

CHAS. S. ADAMS,
J. E. HYDE,
J. M. WELCH.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the account of the Grand Treasurer, have, on examination, found the same correct, accompanied with the vouchers for the expenditures made.

Also, the account of the R. W. Grand Master, of fifty dollars and fifty cents, for travelling expenses incurred in visiting and installing Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and which they recommend be allowed and paid by the Grand Lodge.

Also, the account of postage, of eight dollars and twenty-six cents, which they recommend be allowed.

JAS. M. WELCH,
J. E. HYDE.

Grand Secretary Robinson, from the Special Committee on Regalia, reported progress. Report accepted, and further time allowed the Committee.

On motion of P. G. Platt, it was

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed for the purpose of reporting at the Annual Session in July next, a form for procession.

Committee, G. Master Kellogg, G. Marshal Roby, and G. Treasurer Adams.

Adjourned *sine die*.

JNO. ROBINSON, Jr., *Grand Secretary*.

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HELD AT THE CITY OF DETROIT, JULY, 1896.

Wednesday, July 8, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening at "Odd Fellows' Hall," city of Detroit, being the Annual Session. Present:

A. S. Kellogg, M. W. Grand Master.

A. J. Clark, R. W. D. Grand Master.

B. G. Stimson, R. W. Grand Warden.

Jno. Robinson, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.

M. M. Williams, R. W. Grand Treasurer, *p. t.*

H. M. Roby, W. Grand Marshal.

H. L. Whipple, W. Grand Conductor.

J. E. Hyde, W. Grand Guardian, *p. t.*,

and a due representation.

The W. Grand Marshal reported that the members present were duly qualified.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened for the transaction of business.

The proceedings of last Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Returns and Members, to whom were referred the certificates of the P. G's from the several Subordinate Lodges, reported that they had examined the same, and found them correct, viz:

P. G's James A. Van Dyke and Witter J. Baxter, of Michigan Lodge, No. 1.

P. G. J. Nicholson Elbert, of Wayne Lodge, No. 2.

P. G's M. L. Bagg and Charles C. Waldo, of Pontiac Lodge, No. 3.

P. G's Nehemiah H. Joy, Frederick M. Foster and James A. Dyer, of Jackson Lodge, No. 4.

P. G. John B. Goodman, of Berrien County Lodge, No. 6.

- P. G. David G. Kendall, of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7.
P. G. Norton R. Ramsdell, of Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9.
P. G. John W. Van Cleve, of Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.
P. G. John Winder, of Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12.
P. G. Charles H. Carey, of Macomb Lodge, No. 13.

On motion, the report was accepted, and the new members duly instructed and admitted to their seats.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan :

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—Since your last Session, applications in due form, for two Subordinate Lodges, have been received and acted upon by the Executive Committee, to wit:

Petitions from several brothers for a Lodge to be located in the village of Tecumseh, county of Lenawee, to be known and hailed as "Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14." Dispensation was granted for same and placed in the hands of D. D. G. Master D. D. Sinclair, who instituted said Lodge and installed the Officers on Tuesday, the 30th of June last, as appears by his report which will be laid before you.

Dispensation for "Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15," to be located in the village of Schoolcraft, Kalamazoo county, has also been granted, and placed in the hands of R. W. D. Grand Master And'w J. Clark, and I am advised by the R. W. D. G. Master, that he would proceed to institute the said Lodge on Monday the 6th July instant. The report of the R. W. D. Grand Master, if received in time, will be laid before you.

I would respectfully ask the concurrence of the Grand Lodge in the premises, by granting Charters for Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14, and Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

A. S. KELLOGG, *Grand Master.*

Detroit, July 8, 1846.

On motion, the Committee on Returns and Members had further time to report on the returns from the Lodges.

Grand Secretary Robinson presented certain communications from Michigan Lodge, No. 1, which were read, and, on motion, referred to a Special Committee of three, consisting of P. G's James A. Van Dyke, A. J. Clark and D. D. Sinclair.

Also a Communication from P. G. Cleaveland, of Adrian Lodge.

No. 8, which was read, and, on motion, referred to a Special Committee of three, with instructions to report at the next Session. Committee consists of P. G's W. J. Baxter, H. L. Whipple and C. H. Carey.

P. G. James E. Platt presented a Communication from Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, which was read and ordered placed on file.

On motion of P. G. Woodbridge, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination and election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of the following, viz:

P. G. Benjamin F. Hall, M. W. G. Master.

P. G. Alfred Treadway, R. W. D. G. Master.

P. G. David G. Kendall, R. W. G. Warden.

P. G. Witter J. Baxter, R. W. G. Secretary.

P. G. Henry L. Whipple, R. W. G. Treasurer.

P. G. M. Asher S. Kellogg, R. W. G. Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Sundry bills were read and referred to Committee on Finance.

R. W. Grand Secretary Robinson was excused from further attendance at this Session of the Grand Lodge, and P. G. W. J. Baxter was appointed to act as Secretary *pro tem*.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Thursday, July 9th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Officers and a due representation. P. G. Baxter acting as G. Secretary *pro tem*.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Special Committee to whom the Communication from Columbia Lodge, No. 1, New York, was referred at the last Session of the Grand Lodge, presented a report, which was adopted.

The following reports were submitted from D. D. Grand Masters D. D. Sinclair, from District No. 2, and Andrew J. Clark, from District No. 4.

OFFICE OF D. D. G. M., }
Adrian, July 3. 1846. }

To the M. W. G. M. of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In conformity with the regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I herewith submit a report of my Official acts for the quarter ending 30th June.

In compliance with your instructions accompanying Dispensation for the institution of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14, I proceeded on the 30th June, assisted by P. G. C. Smith, and several members of Adrian Lodge, No. 8, to institute said Lodge, and installed the following Officers for the ensuing term, to wit:

C. A. Stacey, N. G.	N. Taylor, Secretary.
J. M. Cooley, V. G.	D. G. Quackenboes, Treas.

Herewith you will receive \$30, the amount of fee for Dispensation.

The Officers elected and installed for Adrian Lodge, No. 8, are:

Br. A. G. Eastman, N. G.	Br. P. J. Spaulding, Sec'y.
Br. C. N. Hunt V. G.	Br. W. J. Carroll, Treas.

I also transmit reports Quarterly and Annual of Adrian Lodge, with per centage due the R. W. G. Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. D. SINCLAIR, D. D. G. M.

To A. S. KELLOGG, G. M.

OFFICE D. D. G. MASTER, }
July 8, 1846. }

To the M. W. Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In compliance with your directions, I have the honor to report, that on Monday, the 6th July inst., assisted by P. G. J. B. Goodman, of Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, and P. G.'s S. Selkirk and Kendall, with other brothers of "Kalamazoo" Lodge, No. 7, I proceeded to institute Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15, at the lodge of Schoolcraft.

After instituting the Lodge in due form, and conferring the degrees upon five brothers, the following Officers were elected and installed into their respective Chairs, viz:

E. L. Brown, N. G.	A. H. Scott, Sec'y.
D. L. Kimberly, V. G.	James Allen, Treasurer.
S. S. Cobb, Permanent Secretary.	

After which, one candidate was initiated. The fee for the Dispen-

sation was paid to me, and is herewith transmitted. The meetings of the Lodge are on Saturday evening. The number at present is thirteen.

I have also to report that on Saturday, the 4th inst., I installed the Officers of Berrien County Lodge, No. 6. On Tuesday, the 7th inst., the Officers of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, all in regular form.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. CLARK, D. D. G. M.

To A. S. KELLOGG, G. M.

The Special Committee to whom were referred certain Communications from Michigan Lodge, No. 1, presented the following report, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The undersigned, majority of the Committee to whom were referred the Preamble and Resolutions of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, requesting a repeal of the rule of this G. Lodge, requiring a previous service as Q. S. to render a candidate eligible to the office of V. G., believing that said rule does not work well for the good of the Order, hereby respectfully

Report, That they believe that it is inconsistent with the spirit of the Order under the present rules of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for this Grand Lodge to repeal said rule, but would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That our Representative in the Grand Lodge of the United States, do use his influence in said Grand Lodge, to procure a repeal of the rule of said Grand Lodge upon which the said rule of this Grand Lodge is based.

Signed,

D. D. SINCLAIR,
ANDREW J. CLARK, } *Committee.*

The undersigned, one of said Committee, hereby joins in the above, but also reports in favor of an immediate repeal by this Grand Lodge, of the said rule, by them heretofore adopted.

Signed,

JAMES A. VAN DYKE.

Which report was on motion accepted.

P. G. Chester offered as a substitute for the resolution submitted by the Committee, the following, viz:

Resolved, That our Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be requested to use his influence to have the Past-Secretary's degree abolished. Which was lost.

P. G. Van Dyke moved as a substitute for said resolution, the following, viz :

Resolved, That the rule of this Grand Lodge requiring a previous service as Q. S. to qualify a candidate for the office of V. G. be repealed, but that the Past-Secretary's degree be not conferred by this Grand Lodge without a previous service as Q. S.

Upon which resolution Michigan Lodge, No. 1, and Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12, called for a vote by Lodges.

The resolution was lost by ayes 2, nays 12, as follows :

AYES—Wyandotte Lodge,	No. 10,	2 votes.
NAYS—Pontiac Lodge,	“ 3,	2 do
Jackson Lodge,	“ 4,	2 do
Berrien County Lodge,	“ 6,	2 do
Kalamazoo Lodge,	“ 7,	2 do
Adrian Lodge,	“ 8,	2 do
Washtenaw Lodge,	“ 9,	2 do

Michigan Lodge, No. 1, Wayne Lodge, No. 2, and Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12, were *tied*, and

Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, Irving Lodge, No. 11, and Macomb Lodge, No. 13, were not represented.

The resolution submitted by the Committee was, on motion, laid on the table.

The Grand Lodge adjourned until half past 2 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, July 9, 2½ P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Officers and a due representation. R. W. D. Grand Master, A. J. Clark, presiding.

P. G. Treadway, from the Special Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, submitted a report recommending the adoption of several amendments, which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

On motion of P. G. Jones, said report was laid on the table.

On motion of P. G. Ramsdell, modified by P. G. Hall, it was

Resolved, That it be referred to a Special Committee of three to take into consideration, and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge, the expediency of reducing the per centage paid by Subordinates to the R. W. Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master announced as said Committee, P. G's N. R. Ramsdell, A. Treadway, and C. C. Waldo.

The Special Committee appointed at the last Session to report a form for public processions, submitted the following report, which was adopted, viz :

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan :

Your Committee appointed at the April Session, respectfully submit the following, as the form for processions of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction :

Signed,	A. S. KELLOGG,	} Committee.
	H. M. ROBY,	
	C. S. ADAMS,	

1. All Grand Processions of the Lodges of the I. O. O. F. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, will be in an order inverse to the seniority of Lodges. That is to say, the Junior Lodge will lead, and the Grand Lodge will close the procession.

2. Grand Processions will be under the entire direction and control of the Grand Marshal, assisted by the Marshals of Subordinate Lodges, who will each, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, be peculiarly charged with the forming, ordering, and conducting their respective Lodges.

3. In all Grand Processions, the Subordinate or Grand Lodges, from foreign jurisdictions, or invited guests or visitors, who are not Past-Grands, or of the Patriarchal Degrees, will be in rear of the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, and in front of the Patriarchal Order, (if present.)

4. If the Patriarchal Order be present, it will be in front of the Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of this State.

5. When a grand Procession has arrived at its destination, the Grand Marshal will halt it, open the ranks a few paces, and direct them to face inwards. He will then dismount, and passing down the ranks, will usher the Grand Lodge through the opened ranks to the head of the procession ; the Patriarchal Order will follow, and then in succession the foreign Lodges, visitors and guests, and the Subordinate Lodges, according to seniority. While the Grand Lodge and the Patriarchal Order are passing through the ranks, all Brothers of the Order will be uncovered, and music will play until they have reached the head of the procession.

6. If there be music, it will be located in the procession, at the discretion of the Grand Marshal.

7. The order for forming the Subordinate and Grand Lodges, will be as follows :

	Outside Guardian with drawn sword.			
S. Supporter	{	BANNER,	}	S. Supporter
with rod.		Should one be in possession of the		with rod.
		Lodge, if not,		
		THE CHARTER OF THE LODGE,		
		will be born by a Scarlet Degree		
		member.		

Initiatory Brothers.

1st Degree Members.

2d do do

3d do do

4th do do

5th do do

5th Degree Supporter. | CHARTER. | 5th Degree Supporter.

Warden with black rod. | Conductor with axe.

Supporter. | CHAPLAIN. | Supporter.

TREASURER AND SECRETARY.

Treasurer with Cross Keys, and Secretary with Constitution.

Supporter with rod.	{	V. G.	}	Supporter with rod.
	{	Carrying Bible.	}	

Supporter with rod.	{	N. G.	}	Supporter with rod.
	{	with Gavil.	}	

The Supporters of the N. G. are to carry their rods crossed, being looped together at the top with a scarlet ribbon.

INSIDE GUARDIAN,
with drawn sword.

When the procession is halted, the Supporters will cross their rods, and remain in that position until the front of the column is inverted.

S. Supporters' rods will be looped with white ribbon at the top.

V. G. Supporters' rods will be looped with blue ribbon at the top.

Should there be a P. Secretary, the Treasurer will be supported by two Supporters, and the Secretaries will march together—one carrying the Constitution, and the other the Cross Pens.

The Marshal of the Lodge on horseback, bearing Baton of office.

GRAND LODGE.

1. W. Grand Guardian.
2. Banner borne by a P. G. supported by two P. G's.
3. Past Grands, inversely according to seniority.
4. Past Grand Masters.
5. W. Grand Conductor, supported by two P. G's.
6. R. W. Grand Treasurer, supported by two P. G's.
7. R. W. Grand Secretary, supported by two P. G's.
8. R. W. Grand Warden, with Bible, supported by two P. G's.
9. R. W. Grand Chaplain, supported by two P. G's.

If the occasion require an Orator, he will be with the Chaplain ; and the two P. G's supporters will be dispensed with.

10. R. W. Grand Representatives, supported by two P. G's.
11. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, supported by two P. G's.
12. M. W. Grand Master.

Visitors and guests who are P. G's, will be with the P. G's in the rear of them.

The Grand Marshal, on horseback, with his Baton of office, wherever his discretion may direct.

If there be a Committee of Arrangements, the brothers who compose it will be with their respective Lodges, and take their place according to rank in their Lodges. The members of the Committee of Arrangements will wear some uniform badge to distinguish them.

In all processions consisting of Subordinate Lodges only, the relative position and conduct of Lodges, will be as has been prescribed ; except that the Lodge at whose request, and for whose particular benefit the procession is ordered, will take the post of honor, by closing the procession. Such procession will be under the entire direction and control of the Marshal of that Lodge which holds the post of honor, and he will be assisted by the Marshals of the other Lodges. If the occasion require an Orator, he will be with the Chaplain of the Lodge which holds the post of honor, (the Supporters of the Chaplain being dispensed with.) The Past-Grands will be in their respective Lodges, preceding the N. G.

With these modifications, the order of formation of each Subordinate Lodge, to be as has already been prescribed. If there be foreign Subordinate Lodges, visitors or guests present, they will precede Lodge which holds the post of honor.

Whenever the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan is present, in procession, it will be considered a Grand Procession, and the order for Grand Processions, as has been prescribed, will be observed, with this one exception; that if the procession be at the request, and for the particular benefit of any one individual Subordinate Lodge, that Lodge will be placed in the rear of all the other Subordinate Lodges, or members of Subordinate Lodges, present in the procession.

Whenever any Lodge, or Lodges, Grand or Subordinate, within this jurisdiction, are in procession in *Regalia*, all the insignia of office and of the Order, shall be worn, and no departure from what is strictly prescribed, will be permitted.

If it be a funeral procession, every brother of the Order, will wear a sprig of evergreen upon his breast.

All processions of the I. O. O. F. under the jurisdiction of the G. Lodge of the State of Michigan, (except funeral processions,) must be by permission from the Grand Lodge, or by Dispensation, granted at the discretion of the Grand Master. Anniversary processions and celebrations, commemorative of the establishment of the Order in this State, and all *general* celebrations and processions of the Order, will be exclusively at the suggestion, or by the order of the Grand Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented his Annual report, and the R. W. Grand Treasurer his Annual and Quarterly reports, which were severally referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of P. G. Hall, the Treasurer elect was directed to give an official bond in the penalty of \$2,000, which said bond was submitted, approved and placed on file.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

The Committee on Finance to whom were referred the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary, R. W. Grand Treasurer, and sundry accounts, would respectfully report,

That on examination they find the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary correct, and accompanied with proper vouchers.

Also the Annual and Quarterly reports of the R. W. Grand Treasurer correct, accompanied with proper vouchers for expenditures made.

Also the following accounts are found correct, and we respectfully recommend that the same be paid, viz :

Account of the W. District Deputy Grand Sire.	
For 148 Cards, visiting and final,	\$8 90
For 4 Books of lectures and charges,	4 00
For 4 Books of Degrees,	4 00
For Express charges,	2 50
	—\$19 40
Account of Special D. D. Grand Master B. F. Hall,	
for expenses in installing Officers of Washtenaw Lodge,	
No. 9,	2 60
Account of W. D. D. Grand Master, John Chester,	
expenses in installing Officers of Pontiac Lodge, No. 3,	
	5 38
Account of Special D. D. Grand Master, H. L. Whip-	
ple, for expenses in installing Officers of Macomb Lodge,	
No. 13.	5 87
Account of W. D. D. Grand Master, Andrew J. Clark,	
for expenses in installing Officers of Lodges in District	
No. 4,	5 00
Account of George Doty for one dozen Grand Lodge	
seals,	3 00
Account of John Osborne for 20 sets of P. G's Re-	
galia,	160 00
Exchange,	1 60
	—161 60
Account of G. F. Rood & Co., for sundries,	
	19 02
All which is respectfully submitted.	
Signed,	H. M. ROBY, }
	A. J. CLARK, } Committee.
Which report was accepted, and on motion, the several bills were	
ordered paid.	
The Grand Lodge then closed in the G. L. and opened in the Scar-	
let Degree, for the purpose of installing the Officers elect for the en-	
suing year.	
The Officers elect were then duly installed in the following order :	
Benjamin F. Hall, M. W. Grand Master.	
Alfred Treadway, R. W. D. Grand Master.	
David G. Kendall, R. W. Grand Warden.	
Witter J. Baxter, R. W. Grand Secretary.	
Henry L. Whipple, R. W. Grand Treasurer.	
The M. W. Grand Master appointed,	

P. G., D. D. Sinclair, W. Grand Chaplain.

" H. M. Roby, W. Grand Marshal.

" M. M. Williams, W. Grand Conductor.

" J. E. Hyde, W. Grand Guardian.

Who were duly installed.

The Grand Lodge then closed in the Scarlet and opened in the G. L. Degree.

P. G., Andrew J. Clark, offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the action of the Executive Committee, in granting Dispensations for Techmseh Lodge, No. 14, and Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15, be approved, and that Charters be made out for said Lodges.

The Committee on Returns and Members submitted the following report, which was accepted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The Committee on Returns and Members respectfully report the following as the result of their examination of the *Annual* and *Quarterly* reports from the Subordinate Lodges, for the year and quarter ending June 30, 1846:

Michigan Lodge, No. 1, Annual and Quarterly, correct.					
Wayne	"	"	2,	do	do dues not paid.
Pontiac	"	"	3,	do	do correct.
Jackson	"	"	4,	do	do do
Peninsular	"	"	5,	do	do do
Berrien Co.	"	"	6,	do	do do
Kalamazoo	"	"	7,	do	do do
Adrian	"	"	8,	do	do do
Washtenaw	"	"	9,	do	do do
Wyandotte	"	"	10,	do	do do
Irving	"	"	11,	do	do do
Wa-we-atonong	"	"	12,	do	do do
Macomb	"	"	13,	do	do do

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed

H. L. WHIPPLE,
H. M. ROBY,
D. D. SINCLAIR, } Committee.

On motion of P. G. Van Cleve, the R. W. Grand Treasurer was instructed to convert the ~~bad and uncurrent money~~ in his hands belonging to the R. W. Grand Lodge, into current funds.

The report of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, was taken from the table, and after some discussion, the whole matter was referred to a Special Committee of three, with instructions to report at the next Session of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master announced as said Committee, P. G's F. Woodbridge, A. S. Kellogg and W. J. Baxter.

P. G. M. Kellogg offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the number of Districts into which the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is divided, be increased so as to make one District for each county in which a Lodge is located, and that the M. W. Grand Master have authority to appoint a D. D. Grand Master for each District.

On motion of P. G. Chester, modified by P. G. Whipple, the W. Grand Marshal was instructed to procure twelve new sets of appropriate Regalia for the use of the W. D. D. Grand Masters.

The jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, was divided into Districts as follows:

District No. 1, Wayne Co.—Including Michigan Lodge, No. 1, Wayne Lodge, No. 2, and Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12.

District No. 2, Oakland Co.—Including Pontiac Lodge, No. 3.

District No. 3, Washtenaw Co.—Including Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.

District No. 4, Lenawee Co.—Including Adrian Lodge, No. 8, and Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14.

District No. 5, Jackson Co.—Including Jackson Lodge, No. 4.

District No. 6, Calhoun Co.—Including Peninsular Lodge, No. 5.

District No. 7, Berrien Co.—Including Berrien County Lodge, No. 6.

District No. 8, Kalamazoo Co.—Including Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, and Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15.

District No. 9, Kent Co.—Including Irving Lodge, No. 11.

District No. 10, Macomb Co.—Including Macomb Lodge, No. 13.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Standing Committees :

On Returns and Members.

P. G's, John Robinson, Jr., Oliver W. Moore, J. W. Van Cleave.

On Finance.

P. G's, John Chester, J. N. Elbert, Benjamin Follett.

On Correspondence.

P. G's, George R. Griswold, N. R. Ramsdell, F. Woodbridge.

On Grievances of Lodges.

P. G's, John Winder, James A. Van Dyke, D. D. Sinclair.

On Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

P. G's, A. S. Kellogg, John Winder, James A. Van Dyke.

On motion of P. G. Woodbridge, the M. W. Grand Master was authorized to draw warrants on the Treasurer for incidental expenses during the year.

P. G. Woodbridge offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That official certificates under the seal of the G. Lodge, be made out to the Past-Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Roby offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the permission of this Grand Lodge be given to Berrien County Lodge, No. 6, to have a public procession at any time within six months next succeeding the 29th day of June, 1846, for the purpose of celebrating the Anniversary of the Institution of said Lodge.

On motion, the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to have the proceedings of this Session of the Grand Lodge published.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned, *sine die*.

W. J. BAXTER, *Grand Secretary*.

REPORT of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, Commencing July 1st, 1845, and ending June 30th, 1846.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan is composed of 51 members, and has under its jurisdiction fifteen Working Lodges.

Lodges.	Numbers.	Where held.	County.	Time of Meeting.	Initiations.	Rejections.	Admitted by Card.	Withdrawn by Card.	Re-instate- ments.	Suspensions.	Expulsions.	Deaths.	Past-Grands.	Contributing Members.	Names of Past-Grand Masters.	Revenue.	Remarks.
Michigan, Wayne,	1	Detroit,	Wayne,	Monday,	55	18	3	29				2	8	195	Sam'l York At Lee.	\$1,216 00	* Withdrawn
Pontiac,	2	do	do	Friday,	44	7	4	17		1			10	120	Wm. Duane Willson.	864 10	by Card from
Jackson,	3	Jackson,	Oakland,	Wednesday,	37	6	5	6					7	77	Asher S. Kellogg.	438 07	his Lodge and
Peineuse,	4	Marshall,	Jackson,	Monday,	25	29		1					7	63		503 83	remov'd from
Berrien County,	5	Niles,	Berrien,	Saturday,	21	6	1	23					8	50		471 57	the State.
Kalamazoo,	6	Kalamazoo,	Kalamazoo,	Tuesday,	24	10	1	13					5	78		659 85	
Adrian,	7	Adrian,	Leaaway,	Monday,	36	4	4	12					3	77		634 85	
Washtenaw,	8	Ann Arbor,	Washtenaw,	Thursday,	44	10	1	8				1	6	101		789 63	
Wyandotte,	9	Ypsilanti,	do	Wednesday,	37	15	1	9		1			4	87		498 31	
Irrig,	10	Grand Rapids,	Kent,	Tuesday,	44	9	1						3	51		518 81	
Wa-te-stoung.	11	Detroit,	Wayne,	Friday,	37	8	4						2	26		693 50	
Macomb,	12	Mt. Clemens,	Macomb,	Tuesday,	9	1	20						1	18		237 53	June 30, '46.
Tecumseh,	13	Tecumseh,	Tecumseh,	Friday,	10		1						1	1		107 09	Initiated
Prairie Route,	14	Schoolcraft,	Kalamazoo,	Saturday,										13			do July 6, '45.
	15				438	118	41	118		3		4	66	992		\$7,632 24	

ANNUAL REPORT of Relief of the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, showing the relief in the year commencing July 1, 1845, and ending June 30, 1846.

LODGES.	Numbers.	Number of Brothers Relieved.	Number of Widowed families relieved.	Number of Brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Brothers.	Amount paid for relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for education of Orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total Amount.	Remarks.
Michigan,	1	25	1	2	\$200 25	\$15 00		\$30 00	\$301 25	
Wayne,	2	6			89 00				89 00	
Pontiac,	3	11			139 00				139 00	
Jackson,	4	8			61 25				61 25	
Peninsular,	5	8			90 00			*15 00	105 00	*Brother's Wife.
Berrien County,	6	15			124 50				124 50	
Kalamazoo,	7	1			2 00			*15 00	17 00	*Brother's Wife.
Adrian,	8	7		1	44 63			30 00	74 63	
Washtenaw,	9	3		1	58 14			30 00	88 14	
Wyandotte,	10	3			12 00				12 00	
Irving,	11	1			6 00				6 00	
Wa-we-atonong,	12	2			10 00				10 00	
Macomb,	13									Instituted June 30, 1846.
Tecumseh,	14									Instituted July 6, 1846.
Pr��rie Ronde,	15									
	90		1	4	\$892 77	\$15 00		\$120 00	\$1027 77	

SUMMARY.

Lodges.	Numbers.	Officers.	Past-Grands.	Scarlet Members.	Fourth Degree.	Third Degree.	Second Degree.	First Degree.	Initiatory.	Total.	Remarks.
Michigan,	1	5	8	78	2	14	8	8	72	195	No Report.
Wayne,	2	5	10	37	1	14	7	2	44	120	
Pontiac,	3	5	7	25			1	2	37	77	
Jackson,	4	5	7	28	2		1	12	8	63	No Report.
Peninsular,	5	5	8	10		3	8	2	14	50	*Instituted June
Berrien County,	6	5	5	34		7	8	4	15	78	30, 1846.
Kalamazoo,	7	5	3	11		8	5		45	77	†Instituted July 6,
Adrian,	8	5	6	23		6	7	1	53	101	1846.
Washtenaw,	9	5	4	24			5		29	67	
Wyandotte,	10	5	3	15		1	5		22	51	
Irving,	11	5	2	23		6			10	46	
Wa-we-atonong,	12	5	2	15		2			5	29	
Macomb,	13	4	1	5					6	16	
*Tecumseh,	14	5								9	
†Prairie Ronde,	15	5								13	
				66	328	5	61	55	31	360	992

The above is believed to be correct, although there may be some slight variance in the numbers having taken each of the Degrees, owing to a want of full Reports from the Subordinate Lodges.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

JOHN ROBINSON Jr., Grand Secretary, in account with the E. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan.

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		Purpose.	Amount.
July 11,	To cash from Pontiac Lodge, No. 3,	Dues.	\$9 52
	do Adrian Lodge, No. 8,	Cards.	3 50
September 19.	do Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10,	Dispensation.	30 00
	do do	Cards.	2 45
October 7.	do Michigan Lodge, No. 1,	Dues.	25 27
	do Wayne " No. 2,	do	16 48
	do Pontiac Lodge, No. 3,	do	4 40
	do Jackson " No. 4,	do	8 07
	do Peninsular Lodge, No. 5,	do	6 56
	do Berrien County Lodge, No. 6,	do	17 98
	do Kalamazoo " " 7,	do	12 64
	do Adrian " " 8,	do	22 59
	do Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9,	do	12 34
December 9.	do do " " 9,	do	1 26
January 6, 1846.	do Adrian Lodge, No. 8,	do	40
	do Irving " 11,	Dispensation.	30 00
	do Michigan Lodge No. 1,	Dues.	37 15
	do Wayne Lodge, No. 2,	do	25 55
	do Pontiac " No. 3,	do	13 03
	do Peninsular Lodge, No. 5,	do	22 28
	do Berrien County Lodge, No. 6,	do	22 90
	do Adrian Lodge, No. 8,	do	23 33
	do Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9,	do	11 00
	do Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10,	do	33 25
January 9.	do Wayne Lodge, No. 2,	Cards.	1 75
" 15.	do Pontiac Lodge, No. 3,	do	1 77
February 17.	do Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7,	Dues.	29 09
	do Irving Lodge, No. 11,	Cards.	1 50
	do Berrien County Lodge, No. 6,	do	90
March 4.	do Wa-we-atoneng Lodge, No. 12,	Dispensation.	30 00
" 10.	do Macomb Lodge, No. 13,	do	30 00
	do Berrien County Lodge, No. 6,	Cards.	3 00
" 13.	do Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10,	Dues.	1 10
" 19.	do Jackson Lodge, No. 4,	do	9 67
	do do " No. 4,	Cards.	85
" 27.	do Peninsular Lodge No. 5,	do	1 20
April 5.	do do " No. 5,	Dues.	10 00
" 6.	do Jackson Lodge, No. 4,	do	14 20
" 7.	do Michigan Lodge, No. 1,	do	42 94
" 8.	do Berrien County Lodge, No. 6,	do	18 31
	do Pontiac Lodge, No. 3,	do	13 04
	do Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10,	do	9 80
	do Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9,	do	12 25
" 9.	do Irving Lodge, No. 11,	do	57 50
May 21.	do Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7,	do	12 67
June 11.	do do " 7,	Cards.	2 00
July 2.	do do " 7,	Dues.	12 45
	do Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10,	do	7 30
" 4.	do Berrien County Lodge, No. 6,	do	7 80
" 7.	do Wayne Lodge, No. 2,	do	35 53
	do Macomb " No. 13,	do	10 70
	do Adrian Lodge, No. 8,	do	36 93
	do Irving Lodge, No. 11,	do	12 00
	do Peninsular Lodge, No. 5,	do	10 00
	do Tecumseh " 14,	Dispensation.	30 00
	do Wa-we-atoneng Lodge, No. 12,	Dues.	23 75
" 8.	do Pontiac Lodge, No. 3,	do	18 33
	do do " 3,	Cards.	67
	do Jackson Lodge, No. 4,	Dues.	18 63

\$914 68

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

JOHN ROBINSON Jr., Grand Secretary, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan.

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1845.					
July 22.	By cash paid C. S. Adams, Grand Treasurer, as per Receipt.				\$13 02
September 19.	do	do	do	do	32 50
October 8.	do	do	do	do	60 78
" 30.	do	do	do	do	65 55
January 15, 1846.	do	do	do	do	186 69
February 18.	do	do	do	do	68 33
March 11.	do	do	do	do	63 00
April 18.	do	do	do	do	190 83
June 14.	do	do	do	do	14 67
July 7.	do	do	do	do	160 00
" 8.	do	H. L. Whipple, Treasurer elect.			58 86
	do	Cartage on desk, &c.			45
					\$914 68

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

CHARLES S. ADAMS, Grand Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan.

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1845.			
July 11.	To cash of John Robinson Jr., Grand Secretary,		
22.	do	do	do
September 19.	do	do	do
October 8.	do	do	do
30.	do	do	do
January 13, 1846.	do	do	do
February 18.	do	do	do
March 11.	do	do	do
April 18.	do	do	do
June 15.	do	do	do
July 7.	do	do	do
			\$418 23
			13 02
			32 50
			60 78
			65 55
			196 69
			68 33
			63 00
			190 83
			14 67
			150 00
			<u>\$1,363 60</u>

GRAND TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

CHARLES S. ADAMS, Grand Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan.

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1845.		Warrant.	
July 11.	By cash paid P. G. M. Wilson, money advanced G. L.	No. 10.	\$ 21 74
	do G. Secretary for Regalia,	12.	235 00
	do W. G. Secretary Terry, salary,	13.	37 50
	do W. G. Sec'y Terry, cards from G. L. U. S.	14.	31 25
July 22.	do S. Shepard,	11.	3 63
23.	do Mich. Lodge, No. 1, for carpet of L. room,	8.	16 00
28.	do do room rent,	9.	10 00
	do do advance for G. L. charter,	15.	6 00
29.	do Wayne L. No. 2, do	16.	6 60
August 1.	do Pontiac L. No. 3, do	17.	6 00
" 23.	do J. W. Gordon, G. R. an'l tax G. L. U. S.	20.	20 20
" 25.	do To convert \$11 into current funds,		1 00
" 28.	do B. B. Moore for desk for G. Lodge,	21.	20 00
September 20.	do Gage & Arthur for trunk for regalia,	22.	4 75
October 13.	do D. D. G. M. A. J. Clark, exp's inst'g offic's.	24.	5 00
" 19.	do A. S. Williams for printing,	23.	15 60
November 10.	do S. Shepard for trunk,	26.	4 00
" 19.	do J. I. Herrick, stationery,	25.	4 75
" 21.	do G. F. Rood & Co. stationery,	27.	9 59
December 4.	do Smyth & Gully, printing,	28.	2 50
January 13, 1846.	do Wells & Co., Express charges on books and cards,	29.	8 16
" 28.	do W. Smyth, printing proceedings,	31.	18 28
" 29.	do Harsha & Willcox, printing proceedings June, 1845.	32.	2 25
February 20.	do Michigan Lodge, No. 1, room rent,	30.	10 00
" 25.	do A. S. Williams, printing,	33.	22 32
" 28.	do Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, expenses of installing officers,		
March 13.	do Geo. Doty for G. Lodge Seal and taking impressions,	34.	4 50
April 2.	do W. W. Howland, services as Host,	35.	16 25
" 18.	do M. W. G. M. Kellogg, travelling expenses,	36.	9 00
	do Detroit Post Office, postage account,	37.	50 50
May 13.	do John Robinson Jr., G. Sec'y on salary,	38.	2 26
June 13.	do R. W. G. L. U. S. books, cards, &c.	39.	40 00
	do Wells & Co's Express charges on box of Regalia,	40.	176 85
" 29.	do D. D. Grand Sire Kellogg for cards,	41.	3 25
July 6.	do Detroit Post Office, postage bill to July 9,	42.	8 90
" 8.	Balance in my hands,	44.	5 87
			418 70

\$1,263 60

QUARTERLY SESSION.

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HELD AT THE CITY OF DETROIT, OCTOBER, 1846.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Oct. 14th, 1846, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening at "Odd Fellows' Hall," City of Detroit, being the Regular Quarterly Session.

Present :

ALFRED TREADWAY,	Acting M. W. Grand Master.
JOHN ROBINSON, Jr.	R. W. D. Grand Master, <i>p. t.</i>
GEORGE R. GRISWOLD,	R. W. Grand Warden, <i>p. t.</i>
WITTER J. BAXTER,	R. W. Grand Secretary.
HENRY L. WHIPPLE,	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
JOHN WINDER,	W. Grand Chaplain, <i>p. t.</i>
JOHN C. FRINK,	W. Grand Marshal, <i>p. t.</i>
MORRIS M. WILLIAMS.	W. Grand Conductor.
J. E. HYDE,	W. Grand Guardian.

and a due representation.

The W. Grand Marshal reported the members present duly qualified. And the Grand Lodge was duly opened for the transaction of business.

The minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Returns and Members, to whom were referred the certificates of P. G.'s from the several Subordinate Lodges, reported that they had examined the same, and found them correct, viz :

P. G. Horace Mower, of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7.

" Charles Smith, of Adrian Lodge, No. 8.

" John W. Strong, Jr., of Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12.

" E. Larkin Brown, of Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15.

On motion the report was accepted, and the new members duly instructed and admitted to seats.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report :
To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan :

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—Since your last Session, our worthy brother, Benjamin F. Hall, whom you, at your last Session, elected to the honorable and responsible position of Grand Master of this Lodge and State, in consequence of a change in his residence, has resigned said office. The Chair of Grand Master of this Lodge is therefore vacant, and it will devolve on you at the present Session, to supply said vacancy, by the election of another Grand Master.

I regret the occurrence of this event for two important reasons :—
First—because this Lodge and the Order generally in this State, have lost the services of an Officer in every respect qualified to preside over a legislative body like ours, with dignity, promptness, and dispatch—with a mind capable of investigating and deciding with promptness, the various and complicated questions that are daily arising, and being submitted to that Officer for decision ; which qualifications, in any Officer, will not only give efficiency and permanence to our Order, but will also serve to give uniformity to the work of the same.

Second—because the event happening at so early a period in the last term, I felt the delicacy of the situation—occupying the position I did as your D. G. Master, being unprepared for the event, and not having of late accustomed my mind to such a rigid discipline of thought and research as is necessary for the incumbent of this Chair to possess, to preside with credit to himself and the Order, and knowing at the same time that the rules and regulations of the Order, and my own official obligations required of me an entrance upon its duties, however unprepared or incompetent I might be for the correct discharge of the same. It was, I repeat, a source of deep regret to my mind, that Mr. Hall felt it to be his duty, thus early in vacation to resign.

Since your last Session, an application in due form, for a Subordinate Lodge, has been received, and acted upon by the Executive Committee, to wit :—

Petition from several brothers for a Lodge to be located in the village of Jonesville, in the county of Hillsdale, to be known and hailed as “Fayette Lodge, No. 16.”

Dispensation was granted for the same and placed in the hands of

D. D. G. Master, D. D. Sinclair, and I am not advised by that Officer of the institution of said Lodge. The report of the D. D. G. Master's doings in the premises, if received in time, will be laid before you.

I would respectfully ask the concurrence of the Grand Lodge in the premises by granting a Charter for Fayette Lodge, No. 16.

At a recent session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., of the United States, a change in the official term of the Subordinate Lodges was adopted, changing the time from three to six months.

I am happy on this occasion to express my entire approbation of the reasons given by the Committee who recommended the change, to wit:—that a longer term of office than is at present allowed, will secure to the Order the benefit of riper experience, more extensive knowledge of the affairs of the Order, and better judgment in their administration on the part of incumbents of office.

I am not advised that any action of this Lodge in the premises is necessary, other than to cause a copy of the law making this change, to be transmitted to the several Subordinates within this jurisdiction by the Grand Secretary.

I would respectfully recommend in the contemplated revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, previous to final action being had on the same, that this Grand Lodge, or their Committee, carefully examine the several enactments and amendments of the General Laws applicable to the State Grand Lodges, adopted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S. at its prior and recent Sessions, that the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, when adopted, may embrace all the regulations necessary to the proper administration and government of this Grand Lodge, and of the Subordinates within its jurisdiction.

In presenting to you this report, it is with the most lively satisfaction that I congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the Order, and on the peace and harmony which pervades this jurisdiction.

Under the protecting care of a kind Providence, Odd Fellowship has been shielded from the shafts of the fell destroyer, Death, and although disease has been prevalent and fatal, all around us, and our neighbors and friends have been called upon during the past summer to mourn over many an one struck down by the hand of death—yet in but two instances within this jurisdiction has the Order had occasion to perform the last sad rites of our institution over the remains

of a brother, or been called upon to perform the mournful yet pleasing duty of wiping from the eyes of the widow and orphan, the tear drops of sorrow.

I would most respectfully recommend to this Grand Lodge an increase of the salary of their Grand Secretary. He now receives but fifty dollars per year, which to me seems entirely inadequate to secure a prompt and efficient Officer to discharge its duties.

The duties of that Officer are becoming more and more onerous, and occupy necessarily a good deal of time, which must interfere with his business engagements, and unless he be a man of fortune and leisure, he cannot well afford for the small pittance of \$50, to devote so much time to the performance of those duties.

There is another reason which might be urged for an increase of his salary. Under our present organization and Constitution, the seat of government is located in this city, and consequently the office of Grand Secretary should be here, where the expenses of a city life must be met by an honest and honorable occupation, which requires more or less of that Officer's time, and when much infringement is made upon that time, it necessarily draws from his income, and as the Grand Lodge puts in a claim for this time and labor—it is but right and proper that they should give an adequate and liberal compensation for the same.

This is no new suggestion to my mind. It is one which I have frequently had occasion to think and speak of; and having recently had more business connection with that office and Officer, can more fully understand and appreciate the duties that Officer has to perform, and the importance of the increase of his salary.

On the eighteenth day of September last, at the request of several brothers of the Order, and on good cause having been first shown to me by the written statement of a brother, I granted a Dispensation to Wayne Lodge, No. 2, to receive and act upon the petition of C. C. Douglass, and to initiate and confer upon him the degree, at one meeting of that Lodge.

I am, as a general thing, opposed to granting Dispensations, but there are cases which will warrant the exercise of that power, and this I deemed a case in point. I would respectfully ask the Grand Lodge to confirm the act of the acting Grand Master in the premises.

A petition in due form from several brothers, was received by the Grand Secretary on Monday evening last, for the organization of a

Lodge at the village of Hillsdale, to be known and hailed as "Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17," which will be submitted to you for your action; and I would respectfully submit to this Grand Lodge the propriety and expediency of granting Charters for two Lodges so near to each other as Fayette Lodge, No. 16, and Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, would be, being as I am informed, but five or six miles apart. There can be no objection to the granting of the two Charters, if the Lodge are of opinion that each can support itself with credit to itself and to the Order; and if there will be no room for rivalry between the two, foreign and contrary to the spirit and principles of the Order; and this is a matter of which this Lodge must be the judge.

I have had the pleasure of meeting, very recently, with many of our brethren, who are, or seem to be, ambitious of the peaceful and triumphant march of our Order over the opposition of ignorance and bigotry, and are ready and willing to adopt any measures within their reach, to convince the uninitiated of the benefits resulting from our institution.

I have officially visited the following Lodges during the recess of this Grand Lodge, viz:—

Michigan Lodge, No. 1,	Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7,
Wayne Lodge, No. 2,	Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9,
Pontiac Lodge, No. 3,	Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10,
Jackson Lodge, No. 4,	Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12,
Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6,	

and am happy to say that the strongest desire of the brethren seems to be to carry out and maintain the principles, rules and regulations of our Order.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ALFRED TREADWAY,

D. G. Master, and Acting Grand Master.

Detroit, Oct. 14, 1846.

The report of the M. W. Grand Master was, on motion of P. G. Robinson, referred to a Special Committee of three, consisting of P. G's. Mower, Woodbridge and Winder.

The Committee on Returns and Members, submitted the following report, which was accepted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Returns and Members, respectfully report the following as the result of their examination of the Quarterly reports from the Subordinate Lodges for quarter ending September 30th, 1846:

Michigan	Lodge, No. 1,	correct,	Dues, \$24 48,	Paid.
Wayne,	do	" 2, do	" 10 30,	"
Pontiac,	do	" 3, do	" 9 86,	"
Jackson,	do	" 4, no report,	"	
Peninsular,	do	" 5, correct,	" 12 55,	"
Berrien co.	do	" 6, no seal,	" 10 08,	"
Kalamazoo,	do	" 7, correct,	" 15 24,	"
Adrian,	do	" 8, no seal,	" 17 37,	"
Washtenaw,	do	" 9, correct,	" 16 10,	"
Wyandotte,	do	" 10, do	" 12 14,	"
Irving,	do	" 11, no report,		
Wa-we-atonong,	do	" 12, do		
Macomb,	do	" 13, do		
Tecumseh,	do	" 14, do		
Prairie Ronde,	do	" 15, correct,	" 15 08,	"

All which is respectfully submitted.

JNO. ROBINSON, Jr. } Committee.
H. L. WHIPPLE, }

The application of several brothers with cards, &c., for a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at the village of Hillsdale, to be known and hailed as Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, was laid before the Grand Lodge, and on motion, referred to a Special Committee of three, consisting of P. G's Mower, Woodbridge and Winder.

The reports of D. D. G. Masters B. Follett, of District No. 3, and S. B. Ball, of District No. 9, were read, and ordered placed on file.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Quarterly Report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Constitution and By-Laws severally adopted by Michigan Lodge, No. 1, and Wayne Lodge, No. 2, were presented and referred to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

We have examined the report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and the vouchers accompanying the same, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. STRONG, Jr., }
G. R. GRISWOLD, } *Committee*
C. SMITH, }

The report of the Committee was accepted, and the Grand Treasurer's report was ordered placed on file.

The Special Committee appointed at the last Session to take into consideration and report upon a Communication from P. G. Cleveland, of Adrian Lodge, No. 8, submitted a partial report, and asked further time, which was granted.

On motion of P. G. Woodbridge, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination and election of a Grand Master, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Bro. Benjamin F. Hall, which resulted in the election of P. G. Andrew J. Clarke, of Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6.

P. G. F. Woodbridge, D. D. Grand Master for District No. 1, tendered his resignation of said office, which was accepted.

The Committee appointed at the last Session to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, through P. G. Woodbridge, their Chairman, asked for further time to report, which was granted.

The Committee to whom the report of the R. W. Grand Master was referred, presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz :

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge :

The Committee to whom was referred the Quarterly Report of the M. W. Grand Master, would most respectfully recommend to your R. W. Grand Body, that a Charter be granted to Fayette Lodge, No. 16, and that this Lodge approve of the action of the Executive Committee in granting a Dispensation for the same.

Your Committee would also approve of the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master relative to the increase of salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary, should the funds of this Lodge permit, knowing as they do, that the duties of that office are now arduous, and are becoming more so by the daily increase of our Order.

They would also recommend the approval by your R. W. Grand Body of the action of the M. W. Grand Master in granting a Dispen-

sation to Wayne Lodge, No. 2, for electing, initiating and conferring degrees on C. C. Douglass, on the same evening.

Respectfully submitted.

HORACE MOWER, }
F. WOODBRIDGE, } *Committee.*
JNO. WINDER, }

Detroit, October 14, 1846.

The Committee to whom was referred the application of several brothers for a Lodge to be located at the village of Hillsdale, to be known and hailed as Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, submitted the following report, viz :

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge :

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of brother Henry Waldron and others, for a Lodge to be located at the village of Hillsdale, to be known and hailed as Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, would respectfully report,

That inasmuch as a Dispensation has been lately granted for a Lodge to be instituted at the village of Jonesville, at a distance of only five or six miles from Hillsdale, which Lodge has not yet gone into active operation, so as to show to any extent the need of other Lodges in the same county, for the healthy growth, and promotion of our Order in the same, that for the present the above Charter be refused.

HORACE MOWER, }
F. WOODBRIDGE, } *Committee.*
JNO. WINDER, }

Detroit, October 14, 1846.

The report was accepted, and on a motion to adopt the same, a vote by Lodges was ordered, which resulted in a tie, as follows :

Ayes—Michigan	Lodge, No. 1,	2 votes,	
“ Peninsular	do “ 5,	2 “	
“ Kalamazoo	do “ 7,	2 “	
“ Prairies Ronde	do “ 15,	1 “	—ayes 7.

Nays—Wayne	Lodge, No. 2,	2 votes,	
“ Pontiac	do “ 3,	2 “	
“ Adrian	do “ 8,	2 “	
“ Wa-we-atonong	do “ 12,	1 “	—nays 7.

Lodges No. 4, No. 6, No. 9, No. 10, No. 11, No. 13, and No. 14 were not represented.

The Grand Master being called upon to give the casting vote, voted in the negative, so the report of the Committee was not adopted.

P. G. Griswold offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the petition of brother Henry Waldron and others, for a Lodge to be located at the village of Hillsdale, in the County of Hillsdale, and State of Michigan, to be known and hailed as Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, be granted, and that a Charter be made out for the same.

P. G. Whipple offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary be increased in accordance with the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, and that the same be fixed at \$100 per year.

P. G. Robinson moved to amend by adding "to take effect from and after the 8th of July last."

The amendment was accepted, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion, the R. W. Grand Secretary, was instructed to have the proceedings of this Session of the Grand Lodge published.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*.

W. J. BAXTER, *Grand Secretary*.

GRAND TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, in account with Henry L. Whipple,
Grand Treasurer.

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1816.			
July 9.	To paid warrant No. 44,	Detroit Post Office, for postage,	\$ 5 85
" 9.	" do "	45, John Osborne for Regalia,	164 00
" 9.	" do "	46, A. S. Kellogg for Cards,	10 50
" 9.	" do "	47, B. F. Hall for expenses to Ann Arbor,	2 60
" 9.	" do "	48, G. F. Rood & Co for stationery,	19 02
" 9.	" do "	49, John Chester for expenses to Pontiac.	5 38
" 9.	" do "	50, A. J. Clark for expenses to instal officers of Lodges,	5 00
" 9.	" do "	51, George Duty for Seals,	3 00
" 9.	" do "	52, J. Robinson for salary and stationery,	12 32
" 9.	" do "	53, Wm. W. Howland, Host,	3 88
September 1.*	" do "	54, A. S. Kellogg, Grand Representative,	150 00
" 1.	" do "	55, A. Treadway, travel'g expenses as G. M.	15 00
October 7.	Balance,		117 26
			\$513 81

*The following is endorsed on Warrant No. 54, to A. S. Kellogg. This warrant is to be held by the Treasurer as cash and not entered into the account, until account is rendered by the Grand Representative. Mr. Kellogg has not yet returned—consequently no account has been rendered.

GRAND TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, in account with Henry L. Whipple,
Grand Treasurer.

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1846.			
July 9.	By amount received of C. S. Adams, late Treasurer, (\$30 in bills of the River Raisin Bank)		\$413 70
" 9.	" " " Jno. Robinson Jr. Grand Secretary,		68 86
Aug. 8.	" " " Past-Grand Secretary, A. R. Terry,		31 25
			\$513 81
Oct. 4.	By balance,		\$117 36

H. L. WHIPPLE, *Grand Treasurer*

QUARTERLY SESSION.

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HELD AT THE CITY OF DETROIT, JANUARY, 1897.

Wednesday, January 13th, 7 o'clock P. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening at "Odd Fellows' Hall," city of Detroit, being the regular Quarterly Session.

Present,

A. Treadway, acting M. W. Grand Master.

W. L. Greenly, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, *p. t.*

John Winder, R. W. Grand Warden, *p. t.*

W. J. Baxter, R. W. Grand Secretary.

H. L. Whipple, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

A. S. Kellogg, R. W. Grand Representative to Grand Lodge U. S.

D. D. Sinclair, W. Grand Chaplain.

J. E. Platt, W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*

M. M. Williams, W. Grand Conductor.

J. E. Hyde, W. Grand Guardian.

And a due Representation from Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 14.

The members present were examined by the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge opened in due form.

The minutes of the previous Session of the Grand Lodge were read and approved.

The Committee on Returns and Members to whom were referred the certificates of the P. G's from the several Subordinate Lodges, reported the certificates of the following P. G's as correct, and that they were entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, and to receive all the Past Official Degrees, viz :

P. G. G. F. Rood, of Michigan Lodge, No. 1.

P. G. H. D. Garrison, of Wayne Lodge, No. 2.

" L. B. Taft, do do

" O. B. Smith, of Pontiac Lodge, No. 3.

" D. S. Walbridge, of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7.

" R. Robinson, of Adrian Lodge, No. 8.

" F. C. Beaman, do do

" J. Movius, of Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.

" C. W. Lane, do do

" A. Mandell, of Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12.

" B. Vernor, do do

" H. D. Terry, of Macomb Lodge, No. 13.

" C. A. Stacy, of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14.

" Geo. C. Munroe, of Lafayette Lodge, No. 16.

And the certificates of the following P. G's, as defective in form,
viz :

P. G. T. W. Freelon, of Berrien County Lodge, No. 6.

" H. C. Kibbee, of Macomb Lodge, No. 13.

Also the certificates of standing in their respective Lodges, of the following P. G's, who had previously received the G. L. and P. O. degrees, viz:

P. G. John F. Porter, of Berrien County Lodge, No. 6.

" Wm. L. Greenly, of Adrian Lodge, No. 8.

" J. W. Vancleve, of Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.

" B. Follett, do do do

" A. A. Hunter, do do do

" C. S. Adams, of Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12.

" H. M. Roby, do do do

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

P. G. Whipple offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the informality in the certificates of P. G's T. W. Freelon and H. C. Kibbee be overlooked, and they admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Robinson, the new members in waiting were received, duly instructed in the P. O. and G. L. degrees, and admitted to seats, viz:

P. G. G. F. Rood, of Lodge No. 1.

" H. D. Garrison, do 2.

" L. B. Taft, do 2.

P. G. O. B. Smith,	do	3.
" T. W. Freelon	do	6.
" R. Robinson	do	8.
" F. C. Beamen,	do	8.
" J. Movius,	do	10.
" A. Mandell,	do	12.
" B. Vernor,	do	12.
" H. D. Terry,	do	13.
" H. C. Kibbee,	do	13.
" C. A. Stacy,	do	14.
" G. C. Monroe,	do	16.

The committee on Returns and Members submitted the following report which was accepted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Returns and Members respectfully report the following as the result of their examination of the Quarterly Reports from the Subordinate Lodges, for Quarter ending Dec. 31, 1846.

Michigan Lodge, No. 1, correct. Dues, \$20 25, paid. Members 197

Wayne	do	2,	do	do	21 90,	do	do	129
Pontiac	do	3,	do	do	10 51,	do	do	88
Jackson	do	4,	do	do	14 86,	do	do	81
Peninsular	do	5,	do	do	8 22,	do	do	55
Berrien County	do	6,	do	do	17 15,	do	do	81
Kalamazoo	do	7,	do	do	10 78,	do	do	60
Adrian	do	8,	do	do	22 66,	do	do	110
Washtenaw	do	9,	do	do	15 42,	do	do	83
Wyandotte	do	10,	do	do	6 01,	do	do	55
Irving	do	11,	do	do	8 44,	do	do	48
Wa-we-atonong	do	12,	do	do	4 78,	do	do	38
Macomb	do	13,	do	do	7 49,	do	do	26
Tecumseh	do	14,	do	do	29 63,	do	do	53
Prairie Ronde	do	15,	do	do	9 82,	do	do	30
Fayette	do	16,	do	do	15 70,	do	do	16
Hillsdale	do	17,	do	do	14 99,	do	do	18

There have been during the last quarter, 113 initiations, 18 admitted by card, and 32 withdrawn by card. The whole number of mem-

bers in the State, (exclusive of Paw Paw Lodge, No. 18, which has not reported,) is 1177.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ROBINSON, JR., }
BENJ. FOLLETT, } *Committee.*

Acting Grand Master Treadway then read the following report, which was ordered spread upon the minutes, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan :

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—Since your last communication, an application in due form for a Subordinate Lodge, has been received and action had thereon by the Executive Committee, to wit: a petition from several brothers for a Lodge to be located in the village of Paw Paw, to be known and hailed as Paw Paw Lodge, No. 18. A Dispensation was granted for the same and placed in the hands of D. D. G. Master, Horace Mower, who instituted said Lodge, and installed the Officers thereof, on the 19th of November last, as appears from his report now on file. I would most respectfully recommend a confirmation of the action of the Executive Committee in the premises, and the issue of a Charter for said Lodge.

I am informed by the G. Secretary that there are now on file with him, three applications for Charters for Subordinate Lodges, to wit:

Monroe Lodge, No. 19, to be located at Monroe city, Monroe co.; Albion Lodge, No. 20, to be located at Albion, Calhoun county; and Cass County Lodge, No. 21, to be located at Cassopolis, Cass county, which will be laid before you for early action.

From the above you will perceive that the Order is steadily advancing in numerical strength, and that the more the principles of the Order are known and understood, the more they are and will be appreciated by the community at large, and it needs nothing more than a careful observance of the practical principles of the Order to ensure success and prosperity; and I rejoice on this occasion, to be able to add, from my knowledge of its members, it is their unanimous wish that the Order should occupy a high moral position in the community in which it may be located.

I also rejoice to be able to inform you, that all disturbances without, and contentions within, are, or seem to be, forever quieted and put to rest. Although at times there has seemed to be a storm gathering

that would tend to mar our fair temple of its beauty, yet, through the honorable and liberal concession of members, the benign and peaceful principles of our Order, the dignified and calm demeanor of our brethren, the spirit of passion has been soothed and put to rest, with all those elements which are calculated to produce divisions and contentions among us.

The history of our Order in this State, laboring as it has done in its infancy, under all the adverse circumstances that could well be thrown around it, is indeed a cause of congratulation and exultation on our part, and its present organization and prosperity are mainly owing to, and dependent upon the purity of its principles, as exemplified in the character and conduct of its members; and should be a strong stimulus to urge us on to redouble our exertions for the promotion of harmony, peace, and the future prosperity of our Order.

I am informed by the G. Secretary that the Subordinates within this jurisdiction, have all been duly notified of the change of the term of office in their several Lodges, as adopted by the G. L. of the U. S. at its recent Session in September last; and with a few exceptions it is regarded by the Order as a decided improvement upon the former regulations, as it will give to the members of this G. L. what it is highly necessary they should possess; experience, and a thorough knowledge of the affairs and condition of the Order, with a sound and discriminating judgment as to its proper administration.

I would respectfully recommend, as speedy an action as can with propriety be had, upon the report of the Committee on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge, which will be laid before you at the present Session, as it is necessary that this Lodge, and Subordinates should have some fixed and permanent rules of action as soon as practicable.

A regulation has been adopted by the G. L. of the U. S. requiring the Grand Representatives to the G. L. of the U. S. to appear in their seats in said Lodge, in a regalia similar to the official regalia of the G. Master of the State which they represent. I would therefore recommend, that this G. Lodge take the necessary steps to procure a sufficient number of sets of regalia for the use of the Grand Representatives of this State to the G. L. of the U. S.

Believing that the members of this G. L. have come directly from their several Lodges, imbued with the principles of the Order, and

have the same truly at heart, I deem it unnecessary at this time, for me to recommend further action by this Lodge, as the wants and wishes of your Subordinates are better known and understood by you, than what I am informed of, or could be expected to recommend to you, and I will only add, that I sincerely trust, that your deliberations at the present Session will be characterized by that spirit of concession, frankness and forbearance which has controlled the action of this body on all former occasions.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

ALFRED TREADWAY,

Acting G. M. State of Michigan.

Detroit, January 13, 1847.

On motion of P. G., Griswold, a Charter was granted to Paw Paw Lodge, No. 18, in accordance with the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master—and the applications of brothers for Lodges to be known as Monroe Lodge, No. 19, at the city of Monroe; Albion Lodge, No. 20, at the village of Albion; and Cass County Lodge, No. 21, at the village of Cassopolis, were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of P. G.'s John Chester, Wm. L. Greenly, and James E. Platt.

On motion, the order of business was suspended for the purpose of installing P. G. Andrew J. Clark, Grand Master elect, in that office.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in the G. L. and opened in the S. Degree, and the Grand Master elect, duly installed as Grand Master of the G. L. of I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan, for the balance of the term, by P. G. Master, A. S. Kellogg.

On taking the chair of his office, the Grand Master, in a neat, appropriate and feeling address, returned thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honor conferred upon him, briefly reviewed the history and progress of the Order in this State, and pledged his earnest and unwearied efforts to promote the peace, harmony and prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction.

The G. L. closed in the S. and opened in the G. L. Degree.

R. W. Grand Representative, A. S. Kellogg, then read the following report, which was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes, viz: *To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, I. O. O. F.*

The undersigned, Representative from this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, respectfully asks leave to submit the following Communication :

Since the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge at which I was elected Representative, I have had the honor to take my seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States at its Annual Session, and herewith make report of such subjects of legislation and other matters as affect the general interests of the Order, or more particularly concern this G. Lodge and its Subordinates.

The Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States commenced on Monday, the 21st of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., and terminated on Friday evening, at 7 o'clock, all of which time was laboriously and assiduously devoted to the business of the Session. There were in attendance, including the Past-Grand Sires, fifty-seven members, comprising Representatives from twenty States, and from the District of Columbia and Canada. The M. W. Grand Sire, Thomas Sherlock, called the Grand Lodge to order at the hour of opening. The organization was very promptly settled and the Lodge ready to proceed to the transaction of business, the first of which was the appointment of Committees and the presentation of the Annual Reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, and which were placed in the hands of Committees for the convenient separation and distribution of the various subjects contained in them, for examination and action of the Grand Lodge. These documents furnish highly gratifying evidence of the prosperous condition of the Order. I presume they have been read by all the members of this Grand Lodge. I shall therefore only refer to them so far as to show the increase of the Order by the following comparative statement from the Grand Secretary's report for 1845 and 1846 :

Year.	Lodges.	Increase.	Revenue.	Increase.	Members.	Increase.	Relief.	Increase.
1845	685		\$455,977 24		61,659		125,361	
1846	992	307	708,205 40	\$252,228 16	90,758	28,900	197,317	71,956

Dispensations granted during the recess for opening Grand Encampments in Canada and District of Columbia, were ratified, and the Representatives from those bodies admitted to their seats in the G. Lodge.

The next business in order was the unfinished business of the previous Session consisting of proposed amendments to the Constitution, all of which were rejected.

The presentation and reference to Committees of a great number and equally great variety of resolutions, both of local and general in-

terest occupied much of the time of the first day's Session; such as were approved and some that were rejected will appear in this Communication; but very many receiving respectful consideration of Committees and of the Lodge, and rejected, I will not take up time in enumerating.

The most important business of the second day's Session was the nomination and election of the Officers of the Grand Lodge United States, to serve for two years from the 3d Monday in September, 1847. Six candidates were nominated for the distinguished station of Grand Sire, viz:

D. G. Sire Case, of Mass.

P. D. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, of Pa.

P. D. G. Sire Moore, of D. C.

P. G. M. Stewart, of N. Y.

P. G. M. Marlay, of Md.

P. G. M. Thompson, of Mass.

On the fifth ballot, P. D. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Sire. Entertaining the highest respect for all the candidates named for the elevated station of Grand Sire, I cannot forbear saying here that the successful candidate was my choice, and that I voted for him through all the balloting. The journals of the Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States for years past, present him as one of the most able and distinguished men of our beloved Order, and it is with great pleasure that I can further say that his well known zeal in the cause of Odd Fellowship, his sound discriminating judgment and experience in the Order, as well as his estimable relations in private life, all furnish abundant evidence of his fitness to sustain with honorable distinction the office to which he has been elevated.

Nine candidates were nominated for the office of Deputy Grand Sire. On the seventh ballot, P. G. Master N. A. Thompson of Mass. receiving a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected; Grand Secretary, Ja's L. Ridgely, and Grand Treasurer, Andrew E. Warner, both of Maryland, were unanimously re-elected.

Among the resolutions referred to as presented on the first day, were those in regard to the extension of the terms of official service in Subordinate Lodges, of the terms of the M. W. Grand Sire, and of the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States. These

were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, who on the next day reported :

1st. To extend the term of official service in Subordinate Lodges from three to six months, to take effect from and after the first meeting in January, 1847.

2d. That it was inexpedient to change the term of service of the Grand Sire, from two to four years.

3d. That the Constitution be amended by extending the official term of Representatives from one to two years, making provisions for the expiration of the terms of one half of the members of the G. Lodge of the United States every year.

The first two recommendations were adopted ; that in relation to extending the terms, by a vote of 41 to 15; to this recommendation I gave my most cordial approbation, believing that the effect of six months' terms here, as throughout the jurisdiction, will be found beneficial to the Order. It is understood that by the extension of the terms, all things incidental in regard to change of P. W., returns, &c., are to correspond, unless as was informally stated, the larger jurisdictions may find it necessary to order returns from Subordinates more frequently than Semi-Annually.

It was decided as a point of law, that if an appeal of a Subordinate Lodge from a State Grand Lodge upon a question in which an individual is interested, comes before the Grand Lodge of the U. S., such individual is still subject to the laws of his State G. Lodge, and occupies no different position on account of the appeal to the supreme body.

It was also determined that when an Odd Fellow applies for and obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, that the amount of benefit granted shall be endorsed on his card, and that the Lodge to which he belongs shall be notified by the Secretary of the Lodge granting the benefit, of the amount so granted.

The following form of a circular, to be granted by Grand Masters, and to be used by Subordinate Lodges whenever they may apply for pecuniary aid, was adopted:

I. O. O. F. CIRCULAR.

Whereas, ——— Lodge No. ——— of the State (or Territory) of ——— is under the necessity of appealing to her sister Lodge for pecuniary aid in consequence of ———

The Grand Lodge of ——— recommends to her Subordinate Lodges to contribute to the aid of said Lodge. (Signed,) G. M.

The rule heretofore established in regard to examination of visiting brethren was amended so that it is required that when the Examining Committee shall be satisfied that a brother is entitled to admission, he shall be by them introduced to the Lodge.

The following rule which in part has been the practice in this jurisdiction, was adopted:

That the vote of a Subordinate Lodge granting a withdrawal card to a brother applying therefor severs the connection of such brother with the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits, whether the card is actually taken or not. But if the card be taken, the brother receiving it is entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the period specified in such withdrawal card.

It was recommended in a majority report of the Committee on the State of the Order, that, after the 1st of July, 1847, all Subordinate Lodges should work in the fifth degree. This was lost by a vote of nearly three to one. The undersigned deems this recommendation one of great importance to the Order, and that it merits the serious consideration of the State Grand Lodges, as having been the subject of legislation in the G. L. U. S. It will most undoubtedly be again brought up. (Read reports of Committee on the subject.)

The Grand Sire was authorized to appoint a Committee of five persons from the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, to prepare a complete digest of the Order, and to present their report at the next Session.

The following were appointed the Committee: Grand Cor. Sec'y J. L. Ridgley, P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins, Rep. R. H. Griffin, of Georgia, Rep. R. W. Seymour, of S. C., Rep. W. E. Parmenter, of Mass.

The report of the Committee on Returns was made, and the returns from this State were reported correct.

The Committee on Finance reported about \$8,000 in the Treasury of the G. L. U. S. It was ordered that the surplus funds be invested according to the best judgment of the Officers of the Grand Lodge.

One of the most important transactions of the Session was the separation of the branch of the Order in Canada from the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

This measure was brought before the Grand Lodge at an early stage of the Session by resolutions passed at meetings of the Grand Lodge

and of the Grand Encampments of Canada, which were referred to an able Special Committee. The Committee reported in favor of the separation under the following restrictions, to wit: to adhere to the same rank, to require the same qualifications of membership, and to receive the annual T. P. W. from the Grand Lodge of the U. S.; the report was adopted by a vote of 47 to 9, the undersigned voting with the majority.

The measure for the establishment of an institution of learning under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was duly considered by a Special Committee, and the report was sustained by the Grand Lodge, to the effect, "That the several State Grand Lodges be requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order of a Grand System of Education, and to devise and forward to the Grand Lodge, plans for the accomplishment of the object, should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand." It, therefore, appears to be our duty to consider this subject, and present our views at the next Session of the G. L. U. S.

The most highly interesting scene of the Session was the presentation of a tribute of respect to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, Jas. L. Ridgely. A Committee was appointed at the Session of 1844, to procure a suitable token to be presented to Bro. Ridgely. At this Session the Committee reported, that, in discharge of the duty assigned them, they had obtained an elegant and costly Gold Watch, ornamented with engravings of the emblems of the Order. The presentation took place at the afternoon Session on the fourth day, with appropriate ceremonies, P. G. S. Hopkins making a beautiful and appropriate presentation address, which was responded to by Bro. Ridgely with great feeling. I need hardly add that all present shared in the interest which such an expression of respect and good will to one who has done so much for the Order, was calculated to call forth. The whole proceedings were ordered spread upon the journals.

A recommendation to use certain forms of prayer in Grand and Subordinate Lodges, was indefinitely postponed.

The legal existence of Degree Lodges was recognized by a report of a Committee.

A resolution to abolish the P. O. Degrees was lost.

It was *Resolved*, That if upon appeal to a State Grand Lodge, by a member of a Subordinate Lodge, charged with violating a known

law of the Order, the decision of the Lodge be reversed, he may be reinstated without the consent of his Subordinate Lodge.

The publication of the lectures, charges, odes and forms of diplomas, or any portion thereof, except by the G. L. U. S., was prohibited.

It has been decided by the M. W. Grand Sire, that the regalia ordered by the report to be worn on the occasion of funerals, not having been adopted in conformity with the By-Laws regulating the regalia to be worn by the Officers and members of Lodges, is null and void.

A form of funeral ceremony to be used for the present, was adopted. The Committee on Digest of the Laws were instructed to report a form at the next Session of the Grand Lodge.

A book of diagrams was presented, which was determined to be a true explanation of the unwritten work of the Order, not to be altered except by the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge.

The Executive Officers of the Grand Lodge were authorized to grant Charters for Grand Lodges in Iowa and Wisconsin, and a Grand Encampment in this State, so soon as the Lodges and Encampments comply with the new By-Law regulating Grand Charters.

Votes of thanks to the Grand Sire and Corresponding Secretary were passed.

I have thus given a synopsis of such proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States as seem naturally to concern this Grand Lodge. Many matters of legislation and instruction concerning Encampments are omitted. The Journals of the Session which will be laid upon your table, although very full and complete, furnish but a meagre idea of the business of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The debates were most able and interesting, and conducted in a manner alike creditable to the speakers and gratifying to the hearers. I need hardly add that the Grand Lodge of the United States continues to maintain the high rank to which the talents and merits of its members have raised it.

In conclusion, permit me to thank you for the confidence you have reposed in me, and in the hope that it has not been abused, this Communication is respectfully submitted.

A. S. KELLOGG, *Representative*
of the G. L. of Michigan to the G. L. of the U. S.

The reports of the several D. D. Grand Masters were read and ordered placed on file.

The Quarterly Report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and sundry bills were read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of P. G. Griswold, the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges had further time in which to report.

The Special Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge submitted the following report, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge :

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report,

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and present the accompanying draft of a Constitution and By-Laws, and respectfully recommend their adoption by this Grand Lodge.

A. S. KELLOGG, }
W. J. BAXTER. } *Committee.*

Detroit, January 13th, 1847.

The report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

On motion of P. G. Platt, the Constitution and By-Laws reported by the Committee were made the special order for Thursday afternoon. (See Constitution and By-Laws.)

The Financial Committee reported the following bills as correct, and recommended the payment of the same, viz:

A. S. Williams, for printing,	\$57 19
Detroit Post Office,	10 38
G. F. Rood & Co., stationery and binding,	18 08
Wells & Co., express charges,	2 75
C. F. Davis, filling up charters,	4 00
D. S. Walbridge, D. D. G. Master, expenses,	4 00

On motion, the report was accepted and warrants ordered drawn.

The Finance Committee also reported the account of R. W. Grand Representative, A. S. Kellogg, for expenses in attending the Session of the R. W. G. L. of the U. S., and the Quarterly report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, as correct.

The report was accepted and adopted, and the Treasurer's report ordered placed on file.

The Special Committee to whom were referred the applications of several brothers for new Lodges to be known as Monroe Lodge, No. 19, at Monroe; Albion Lodge, No. 20, at Albion; and Cass County Lodge, No. 21, at Cassopolis, reported in favor of granting Charters for the same respectively.

The report was accepted and adopted, and the Charters ordered to be made out.

The Committee to whom were referred a Communication of P. G. Cleaveland, of Adrian Lodge, No. 8, made a final report which was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 14th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

W. J. BAXTER, *G. Secretary.*

Thursday, January 14, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of the Session of the previous day were read and approved.

The Constitution and By-Laws reported by the Committee on revision, being the special order for the afternoon,

On motion of P. G. Platt, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the special order, P. G. Greenly in the Chair.

After some time spent thereon, the Committee rose and reported the Constitution and By-Laws back to the Lodge with sundry amendments, and asked the concurrence of the Grand Lodge therein.

On motion, the amendments were all concurred in.

The Constitution and By-Laws, as reported by the Special Committee, amended by the Grand Lodge in Committee of the whole, (see Constitution and By-Laws,) were then adopted, the vote being taken by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.—P. G.'s A. S. Kellogg and W. J. Baxter, of No. 1; John Robinson Jr. and J. N. Elbert, of No. 2; Alfred Treadway, of No. 3; Andrew J. Clark and Thomas W. Freelon, of No. 6; Horace Mower and D. S. Walbridge, of No. 7; D. D. Sinclair, Wm. L. Greenly, R. Robertson and F. C. Beaman, of No. 8; James E. Platt, of No. 9; Benj. Follett, of No. 10; C. A. Stacy of No. 14.—16.

NAYS.—P. G.'s H. Joy, Jno. Chester, B. G. Stimson and G. F. Rood, of No. 1; L. B. Taft, of No. 2; O. B. Smith, of No. 3; J. Movius, of No. 10; Jno. Winder, M. M. Williams, H. M. Roby and A. Mandell, of No. 12;—11.

P. G. Platt offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That all Laws, Rules, and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, contrary to or contravening the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws just adopted by this Grand Lodge, be and the same are hereby repealed; this Resolution to take effect from and after the close of the present Session.

P. G. Platt offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Grand Representative, A. S. Kellogg, for the faithful, able, and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties as such Representative.

P. G. Taft offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the expenses of the M. W. Grand Master, A. J. Clark, incurred in his attendance at this Session of the Grand Lodge for installation, be paid by the Grand Lodge.

P. G. Beaman of Adrian Lodge, No. 8, requested the opinion of the Grand Lodge upon the following question, viz:

“When a proposition for membership has been under consideration in a Subordinate Lodge, and two black balls appearing, the result has been declared, if it is ascertained that one of the black balls was cast by a member not entitled by the By-Laws of this Lodge to a vote, can the Lodge re-consider the ballot and reject the illegal vote so cast?”

For the purpose of testing the question, P. G. Chester offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That in balloting for members, the Lodge has the right to re-consider any vote upon which it is ascertained that an illegal ballot has been thrown.

Which resolution was, on motion of P. G. Kellogg, referred to the Executive Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A Communication from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States was presented, calling the attention of this Grand Lodge to a system of general education. Whereupon P. G. Kellogg offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the subject of a general system of education, as requested by the G. L. of the U. S. at its recent Session.

P. G.'s W. J. Baxter, John Winder and A. S. Kellogg, were appointed such Committee.

P. G. Kellogg offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to procure thirty copies of blank Charters for Subordinate Lodges prepared by Grand Secretary Ridgely, and on receipt of the same, to cause one to be filled up for each of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and that the old Charters be returned to this Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Treadway, the Grand Secretary was directed to procure two new sets of appropriate regalia for Grand Representatives to G. L. U. S.

P. G. Kellogg asked permission for the Subordinate Lodges in the city of Detroit to have a Public Celebration on the occasion of the Dedication of "Odd Fellows' Hall" in the month of February, which was granted.

On motion of P. G. Kellogg, the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer were appointed a Committee to make arrangements with "Odd Fellows' Hall Association" for the use of rooms for the Grand Lodge.

Permission was given to Fayette Lodge, No. 16, to change its night of meeting from Saturday to Monday evening, and to Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, to change its night of meeting from Friday to Thursday evening.

P. G. Taft offered the following resolution which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by this Grand Lodge, to act in conjunction with the several Committees from Subordinate Lodges in this city, to make arrangements for the Dedication of "Odd Fellows' Hall" in the city of Detroit.

P. G.'s A. Treadway, H. M. Roby and B. G. Stimson were appointed such Committee.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges presented the following report, which was accepted and adopted, viz :
To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

The undersigned, Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, respectfully report:

That they have had under consideration the By-Laws of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, Wayne Lodge, No. 2, Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15, and Fayette Lodge, No. 16, and find the same in conformity with the Constitution and General Laws of the R. W. Grand Lodge, and recommend that the same be confirmed.

Your Committee have also examined the Constitution and By-laws of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14, and find that the By-Laws of the same conform to the Constitution and General Laws of this Grand Lodge, and would recommend that the By-Laws be confirmed, and that said Tecumseh Lodge be directed to insert the "General Laws" adopted by this Grand Lodge for the government of Subordinates, with the amendments thereto, instead of the Constitution now printed with their By-Laws.

A. S. KELLOGG, }
JOHN WINDER. } *Committee.*

P. G. Treadway offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee heretofore appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, be a Committee to procure the publication of the same, with discretionary powers, as to number of copies and style of publication.

On motion of P. G. Kellogg, said Committee were further instructed to have the proceedings of this Grand Lodge from its organization, up to the close of the present Session re-published, with discretionary powers as to number of copies and style.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet again on Friday, the 15th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

W. J. BAXTER, *G. Secretary.*

Friday, January 15th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a due representation.

The minutes of the meeting of the previous day were read and approved.

In consequence of a supposed informality in the vote of the previous day, adopting the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, on motion of P. G. Treadway, duly supported, said vote was re-considered.

P. G. Treadway then moved that the Constitution and By-Laws, as reported by the Committee, and amended by the Grand Lodge, be adopted, which motion was duly supported.

P. G. Mower called for a division of the question.

Pending this motion, P. G.'s Chester and Taft offered several amend-

ments, but before action was had on the proposed amendments, the previous question was moved and carried.

Lodges Nos. 9 and 14, called for a vote by Lodges, and the vote was so taken, first on the Constitution, which was adopted, by yeas 14, nays 3, as follows:

YEAS—Michigan Lodge, No. 1, - - - 2 votes.

Pontiac " " 3, - - - 2 "

Berrien Co. " " 6, - - - 2 "

Kalamazoo " " 7, - - - 2 "

Adrian " " 8, - - - 2 "

Washtenaw " " 9, - - - 2 "

Tecumseh " " 14, - - - 2 "

Yeas, 14

NAYS—Jackson Lodge, No. 4, - - - 2 votes.

Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12, - 1 "

Nays, 3

The vote of Wayne Lodge, No. 2, was tied, and Lodges No's 5, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, and 17, were not represented.

The question on the adoption of the By-Laws was then taken in the same manner, and they were adopted by yeas 14, nays 3; the vote being the same as on the adoption of the Constitution.

An application was received from several brothers residing in St. Joseph county, for a Lodge, to be located at the village of Constantine, to be known and hailed as Constantine Lodge, No. 22; which application was, on motion of P. G. Platt, referred to the Executive Committee.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to act in conjunction with the several Committees from Subordinate Lodges in this city to make arrangements for the Dedication of "Odd Fellows' Hall," submitted a report, recommending that it be a Grand Celebration, under the direction of the Grand Lodge, (such being the desire of the Subordinate Lodges,) and a form for procession, &c.

The report was accepted and adopted.

P. G. Kellogg offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master draw his warrant on the Treasurer of the R. W. Grand Lodge, for the sum of one hundred

dollars, and that the said Treasurer place the said sum of one hundred dollars to the credit of the Committee of Celebration appointed by this Grand Lodge, and pay over the same on the orders of said Committee, for such expenses as may be by them incurred in conducting the Celebration at the Dedication of "Odd Fellows' Hall" in the city of Detroit.

On motion of P. G. Kellogg, amended by P. G. Rood,

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable banner for this R. W. Grand Lodge, at an expense not exceeding fifty dollars.

P. G.'s Chester, Roby and Kellogg were appointed such Committee.

P. G. Jones offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to take into consideration and report at the next Session, on the propriety of reducing the per centage paid by Subordinate Lodges to this Grand Lodge, from 10 to 5 per cent.

On motion of P. G. Rood, a warrant for \$6 00 was ordered drawn in favor of the Host, for attendance and services during the present Session.

On motion of P. G. Treadway,

Resolved, That the expenses of the M. W. Grand Master in attending the Celebration of the Dedication of "Odd Fellows' Hall" in the city of Detroit, be defrayed by this Grand Lodge.

P. G. Stacy offered the following amendments to the General Laws for the Government of Subordinate Lodges, which were severally adopted, viz:

Amend Article II, Section 1, Clause 1, so that it shall read as follows:

"The elected Officers of a Lodge shall consist of N. G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each; and such number of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, as the Lodge may be entitled to under the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, to serve for one year from the third Wednesday of July ensuing their election, except when elected to fill vacancies, or as additional Representatives, in which case they shall serve until the close of the official year."

Amend Article III, Section 3, Clause 4, so that it shall read as follows:

"No Past-Officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office

past, when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such office, except the Representatives to the Grand Lodge, the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary."

Amend Clause 5 of the same Article and Section, so that it shall read as follows:

"Officers, except Representatives to the Grand Lodge, shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and shall be installed at the first meeting in the succeeding one.

Representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be elected at the last regular meeting in June, in each year, except in case of vacancies and additional Representatives, who may be elected at any time to serve until the close of the official year, provided such election shall not be had until the regular meeting after that on which the nomination shall have been made."

Amend Clause 6 of the same Article and Section, by inserting after the word "Officer," in the first line, the words "except Representatives to the Grand Lodge."

Amend Article IV, Section 1, so that it shall read as follows:

"Regular Annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in July; and the regular Semi-Annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January of each year; and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence."

P. G. Robinson offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee take into consideration the propriety of the expenses of the Representatives from the various Lodges in attendance at the Sessions of the Grand Lodge, being paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, and report at the next Session.

P. G. Chester offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of all the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that may become acquainted with conduct unbecoming, or unworthy of an Odd Fellow, on the part of a visiting brother, to prefer charges against such visiting brother, and transmit a copy of the same properly attested, under the seal of the Lodge to the Lodge of which the unworthy brother is a member.*

*In an aggravated case, where a visiting brother presented a card, regular, &c.; and demanded admission into one of the Lodges in this State, it being known to brothers of the

On motion, *Resolved*, That the making out of the Charters for the several new Lodges heretofore ordered at this Session, be deferred until the receipt of the new forms, and that in the mean time Dispensations be made out under which the Lodges shall work until the receipt of the Charters.

P. G. Taft gave notice that he should, at the next Session of the Grand Lodge, propose the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, viz:

Amend Article I, Section 1, by striking out the words "Past-Grand Masters and."

Amend Article II, Section 2, by striking out the whole of Clause 2.

The proposed amendments were reduced to writing and supported by P. G. Chester, and filed with the Secretary.

The following questions were proposed by P. G. Platt, upon which he asked the opinion of the Grand Lodge, viz:

1st. After the balloting on a candidate for membership, in a Subordinate Lodge has commenced, and on the first ballot *two* or more black balls have been thrown, can the second ballot required by the "General Laws" be deferred until a subsequent meeting?

2d. When in a Subordinate Lodge a proposition for membership is under consideration, and on the first ballot *one* black ball appears, under the "General Laws," can the box be passed the second time for said candidate on the same evening?

After considerable discussion, both of the foregoing questions were, on motion, decided in the negative.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*.

W. J. BAXTER, *Grand Secretary*.

Lodge which he claimed the right to visit, that he had been guilty of conduct rendering him unfit to associate with them as an Odd Fellow, the Lodge took the responsibility of refusing him admission. And the action of the Lodge in the premises was reviewed and approved by this Grand Lodge.

W. J. B. G. S.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER END-
ING JANUARY 13, 1847.

*Grand Lodge of I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, in account
with Henry L. Whipple, Grand Treasurer.*

DR.

1846.		
Nov. 4.	To paid warrant No. 56, W. J. Baxter, salary and cards,	\$14 00
	To paid warrant No. 57, A. Treadway, travel- ling expenses,	20 00
	To balance,	417 26
		\$451 26

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1846.		
Oct. 14.	By balance, (\$30 R. Raisin Bank notes received of former Treasurer,)	\$117 26
Nov. 14.	By amount received of W. J. Baxter, Grand Secretary,	334 00
1847.		\$451 26
Jan'y 14.	By balance,	417 26

H. L. WHIPPLE, *Grand Treasurer.*

ENCAMPMENTS IN MICHIGAN.

The Grand Encampment meets Semi-Annually at Kalamazoo.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.
1.	Michigan,	Detroit,	2d and 4th Thursdays in each month.
2.	Marshall,	Marshall,	1st and 3d do do
3.	Paw-wah-ting,	Niles,	1st and 3 Mondays do
4.	Lenawee,	Adrian,	2d and 4th Fridays do
5.	Wildev,	Jackson,	1st and 3d Wednesdays do
6.	Samaritan,	Kalamazoo,	1st and 3d Fridays do
7.	Ann Arbor,	Ann Arbor,	
8.	Kellogg,	Grand Rapids.	

LIST OF LODGES IN MICHIGAN.

The Grand Lodge meets at Detroit Semi-Annually, on the 3d Wednesdays of July and January—the Annual Session being in July.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
1.	Michigan,	Detroit,	Monday.
2.	Wayne,	do	Friday.
3.	Pontiac,	Pontiac,	Wednesday.
4.	Jackson,	Jackson,	Monday.
5.	Peninsular,	Marshall,	Monday.
6.	Berrien Co.,	Niles,	Saturday.
7.	Kalamazoo,	Kalamazoo,	Tuesday.
8.	Adrian,	Adrian,	Monday.
9.	Washtenaw,	Ann Arbor,	Thursday.
10.	Wyandotte,	Ypsilanti,	Wednesday.
11.	Irving,	Grand Rapids,	Tuesday.
12.	Wa-we-atonong,	Detroit,	Tuesday.
13.	Macomb,	Mt. Clemens,	Friday.
14.	Tecumseh,	Tecumseh,	Tuesday.
15.	Prairie Ronde,	Schoolcraft,	Saturday.
16.	Fayette,	Jonesville,	Monday.
17.	Hillsdale,	Hillsdale,	Thursday.
18.	Paw Paw,	Paw Paw,	
19.	Monroe,	Monroe,	Monday.
20.	Albion,	Albion,	Friday.
21.	Cass Co.,	Cassopolis,	Saturday.
22.	Constantine,	Constantine,	Thursday.

GENERAL LAWS,

For the government of Subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Michigan, with all amendments adopted to January Session of the Grand Lodge, 1847, embodied therein.

PREAMBLE.—For the purpose of effecting as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order, within its jurisdiction, the *Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan*, the supreme tribunal of Odd Fellowship in this State, without whose sanction and control no Lodge can exist within its limits, ordains the following Articles *for the government of Subordinate Lodges.*

ARTICLE I.

Lodges shall be constituted by at least five members, *two of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree*, and shall be hailed and entitled Lodge, No. , I. O. O. F., and shall possess the full power and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed Dispensation or *Charter*, duly granted, and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.—*Admissions, &c.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. No person shall be permitted to become a member of any Lodge unless he be a free white male, not under twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; be free from disease, and have some known reputable means of support, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Clause 2. The name of a person offered for initiation, must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence and business; which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report at the succeeding regular meeting, when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots, and

if no BLACK ball appear against him, he shall be elected; but if two or more appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. But to prevent mistakes which may occur, the balloting may be gone into a second time previous to the result being declared. Should one black ball appear, the balloting shall be deferred one week.

Clause 3. A brother who may have withdrawn from his Lodge, may be again admitted to membership by a vote of his Lodge, and the payment of his dues from the time of his withdrawal to the date of his re-admission. His card of clearance shall also be returned to the Lodge.

Clause 4. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the Lodges in the same and adjoining counties; and no person so rejected shall be again balloted for in any Lodge, for the space of six months.

Clause 5. A brother of the Order wishing to become a member, shall present his card from the Lodge of which he was a member, which shall be referred to a Committee of three and in all other respects disposed of, as provided by Clause 2, for other applicants, and on being admitted, shall pay a sum not less than one dollar.

Clause 6. An Ancient Odd Fellow, whose card is out of date, or which may have been lost, can be admitted as provided in Clause 5, paying into the "Lodge Fund" a sum not less than five dollars, conforming to the "Special Direction" of the work of the Order, and to such other regulations as the N. G. may direct.

Clause 7. A Lodge having elected a person to membership, who is, prior to his admission, found to be unworthy, may refuse to initiate him—may reconsider their vote and reject him.

Contributions and Benefits.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The regular contributions to the Lodge Fund shall not be at a less rate than 6½ cents per week, to be determined by the By-Laws, as well as the amount for Education Fund and Funeral Tax; and the Lodge shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined, for twelve months.

Clause 2. Every *bona fide* member who shall be qualified as required by the By-Laws, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge.

Clause 3. In case of the death of a brother, who shall be qualified as provided in Clause two, there shall be allowed from the Lodge, a sum not less than thirty dollars, to defray the expenses of burial, which shall be paid over without delay to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The N. G. in the absence of competent relations, shall take charge of the funeral, and receive account of disbursements.

Clause 4. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified, as provided by Clause two, he shall be entitled to a sum not less than fifteen dollars, for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.

Penalties and Trial.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member of a Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence, be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment to the Lodge.

Clause 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother, in proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers, be brought before the Lodge, they shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the implicated brother; and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question; and if not involving the expulsion or suspension of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision, to the Lodge, it shall be final without other action from the Lodge. Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for that purpose, to the Lodge for action.

Clause 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a brother shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to the action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Lodge, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question; at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the Lodge

may proceed to consider and determine it; two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Clause 5. When the decision of a Committee appointed under Clause three, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Lodge; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the Lodge shall determine the correctness of the decision of the Committee by a majority of votes present.

Clause 6. Any brother, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial; and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

Clause 7. Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all Lodges in the vicinity; and a brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.—*Elected and Appointed Officers.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. The elected Officers of a Lodge shall consist of N. G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each; and such number of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, as the Lodge may be entitled to under the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, to serve for one year from the third Wednesday of July ensuing their election, except when elected to fill vacancies, or as additional Representatives, in which case they shall serve until the close of the official year.

Clause 2. The appointed Officers shall consist of a W., C., I. G., O. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R., and L. S. S., who shall serve a regular term each; and may appoint a Chaplain at their option.

Duties of Officers.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The duties of the various Officers shall be as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Clause 2. A Permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the Lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members; but the Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform all other duties of the office.

Elections, &c.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. No brother shall be eligible to the Chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term as V. G.; nor shall any brother be eligible to the Chair of the V. G. unless he has served a regular term as Secretary; nor shall any brother be eligible to the Chair of Secretary, unless he has served a regular term in some inferior office, (other than that of Permanent Secretary, Chaplain, or Junior Warden.)

Clause 2. All Elective Officers, and the W. and O. G. shall have attained to the Scarlet Degree previous to installation.

Clause 3. Nominations for the elective offices shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the elections, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Clause 4. No Past-Officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past, when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such office, except the Representatives to the Grand Lodge, the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.

Clause 5. Officers, except Representatives to the Grand Lodge, shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and shall be installed at the first meeting in the succeeding one.

Representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be elected at the last regular meeting in June, in each year, except in case of vacancies and additional Representatives, who may be elected at any time to serve until the close of the official year, provided such election shall not be had until the regular meeting after that on which the nomination shall have been made.

Clause 6. Any Officer, except Representatives to the Grand Lodge, absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge. Any office becom-

ing vacant, shall be filled by a person who was eligible thereto, on the commencement of the term during which the vacancy occurred. Nominations shall be made on the meeting previous to election, and Officers so elected and serving, shall alone receive the honors of such office for the term.

ARTICLE IV.

TERMS AND RETURNS.—*Terms.*

FIRST SECTION.

Regular Annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in July; and the regular Semi-Annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January of each year; and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Returns.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. It shall be the duty of the last Past-Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, re-instated, and deceased; together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of Officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. It shall be the duty of the Lodge also to forward to the Grand Lodge, in like manner, up to the first day of July, annually, a full return of the members of the Lodge, ranked according to the Degrees attained, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved by the Lodge in the past year, the number of widowed families relieved, the number of brothers buried, with the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, designating that paid for education of orphans.

Forfeiture of Charter.

THIRD SECTION.

Should a Lodge fail to make its returns, as required by the second section of this Article, for three successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall become the duty of the last installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to

receive them,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

DEGREES.—*Eligibility for Degrees.*

FIRST SECTION.

Brothers who have been in membership one month shall be eligible for degrees; but not more than three degrees shall be conferred on a brother at the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proven.

Rates of Degrees.

SECOND SECTION.

No degree shall be conferred until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor, which shall not be less than the following rate, viz: one dollar each.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.—*Amendment.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. These Articles, nor any part thereof, shall be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, except on motion, made in Grand Lodge, and adopted by the Representatives of a majority of the Lodges present.

By-Laws.

SECOND SECTION.

Lodges shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

NAMES OF P. G.'S

BELONGING TO THE VARIOUS LODGES IN MICHIGAN, JANUARY, 1847.

Michigan Lodge, No. 1, Detroit.

*†Sam'l York AtLee, †Joshua H. Smith, Hartford Joy, †Wm. Duane Wilson, Benj. F. Hall, Asher S. Kellogg, John Chester,	Benj. G. Stimson, †Morris M. Williams, Ira Davis, James A. Van Dyke, Witter J. Baxter, Gilbert F. Rood.
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* Joined by Card as P. G.

† Withdrawn by Card.

Michigan Lodge, No. 2, Detroit.

Adrian R. Terry, John Robinson, Jr., †Charles S. Adams, †Henry M. Roby, Henry L. Whipple, *†Wm. M. Crain, Benjamin Keeney,	George R. Griswold, *†Edgar B. Hoyt, Francis Woodbridge, J. Nicholson Elbert, Henry D. Garrison, Levi B. Taft.
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* Joined by Card as P. G.

† Withdrawn by Card.

Pontiac Lodge, No. 3, Pontiac.

John Bacon, †Alfred H. Handscom, N. P. Stewart, J. E. Hyde, Alfred Treadway,	B. C. Whittemore, M. Lamont Bagg, Charles C. Waldo, O. B. Smith, *Hester L. Stevens.
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* Joined by Card as P. G.

† Expelled from Lodge.

Jackson Lodge, No. 4, Jackson.

Wm. N. Choate, Czar Jones, James A. Dyer, Charles W. Penny, †Wm. F. Barrett,	Peter E. Demill, Nehemiah H. Joy, Frederick M. Foster, Edward L. Jones, Ichabod Cole.
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Peninsular Lodge, No. 5, Marshall.

J. Wright Gordon,
E. C. Noble,
† Benjamin Vernor,
John B. Frink,
A. G. Butler,

James A. Way,
Augustus O. Hyde,
James A. Hahn,
Edwin R. Slosson,
Horace C. Ladd.

† Withdrawn by card.

Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6, Niles.

† C. K. Green,
* John F. Porter,
Andrew J. Clark,
J. C. Larrimore,
John B. Goodman,

Thos. W. Freelon, Jr.,
James M. Stuart,
George Goodman,
James Hoadley.

* Joined by card as P. G.

† Withdrawn by card.

Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, Kalamazoo.

Edmund Rice,
Horace Mower,
A. Thompson,
Samuel K. Selkrig,

F. W. Curtenius,
David G. Kendall,
David S. Walbridge,
Joseph Miller, Jr.

Adrian Lodge, No. 8, Adrian.

* Seba Howard,
D. D. Sinclair,
† J. H. Cleaveland,
Charles Smith,
Wm. L. Greenly,

Rollin Robinson,
F. C. Beaman,
A. G. Eastman,
Charles W. Hunt.

* Joined by card as P. G.

† Withdrawn by card.

Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, Ann Arbor.

James E. Platt,
James M. Welch,
N. H. Eggleston,

O. W. Moore,
N. R. Ramsdell.

Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10, Ypsilanti.

Benj. Follett,
A. A. Hunter,
John W. Van Cleve,

Julius Movius,
Charles W. Lane.

Irving Lodge, No. 11, Grand Rapids.

S. B. Ball,
Joseph Stanford,

Harvey P. Yale,
George Martin.

Wa-we-atonong Lodge, No. 12, Detroit.

John Winder,	*Henry M. Roby,
*M. M. Williams,	*Benj. Vernor,
*C. K. Green,	John W. Strong, Jr.,
*C. S. Adams,	Addison Mandell.

* Joined by card.

Macomb Lodge, No. 13, Mt. Clemens.

Charles H. Carey,	Henry C. Kibbee.
Henry D. Terry,	

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14, Tecumseh.

C. A. Stacey,	Thos. M. Cooley.
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Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15, Schoolcraft.

E. Larkin Brown,	D. L. Kimberly.
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Fayette Lodge, No. 16, Jonesville.

George C. Monroe.

Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, Hillsdale.

Henry Waldron.



ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F.
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

DETROIT, WEDNESDAY,
July 21, 1847—7 o'clock, P. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening, at "Odd Fellows' Hall," city of Detroit, being the regular Annual Session. Present:

Andrew J. Clark, M. W. G. Master.

Alfred Treadway, R. W. D. G. Master.

George R. Griswold, R. W. G. Warden, *p. t.*

Witter J. Baxter, R. W. G. Secretary.

Levi B. Taft, R. W. G. Treasurer, *p. t.*

D. D. Sinclair, W. G. Chaplain.

James E. Platt, W. G. Marshal. *p. t.*

M. M. Williams, W. G. Conductor.

Joseph E. Hyde, W. G. Guardian,

and a due representation from Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23 and 24.

The members present were duly examined, and the Grand Lodge opened in due form.

The roll of officers was called, and all answered to their names, except the R. W. G. Warden, R. W. G. Treasurer, and W. G. Marshal.

The certificates of P. G.'s, and of Representatives from subordinate Lodges, were referred to the Committee on Elections and Returns—who, after examining the same, reported, that certificates of the election of representatives had been presented from Lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23 and 24, as follows:

MICHIGAN LODGE, No. 1.

John Chester,
Ira Davis,

James A. Van Dyke,
Gilbert F. Rood.

WAYNE LODGE, No. 2.

Benjamin Keeney,	J. Nicholson Elbert,
George R. Griswold,	Levi B. Taft.

PONTIAC LODGE, No. 3.

Joseph E. Hyde,	Hester L. Stevens.
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JACKSON LODGE, No. 4.

Cha's W. Penny,	Czar Jones.
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PENINSULAR LODGE, No. 5.

James A. Hahn,	Edwin R. Slosson.
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KALAMAZOO LODGE, No. 7.

Joseph Miller, Jr.,	Sam'l K. Selkrig.
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ADRIAN LODGE, No. 8.

Rolin Robinson,	F. C. Beaman.
Cha's R. Hunt,	

WASHTENAW LODGE, No. 9.

James E. Platt,	Norton R. Ramsdell.
Oliver W. Moore,	

WYANDOTTE LODGE, No. 10.

John W. Van Cleve,	Charles W. Lane.
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IRVING LODGE, No. 11.

Samuel B. Ball.

WA-WE-ATONONG LODGE, No. 12.

John Winder.

MACOMB LODGE, No. 13.

Henry C. Kibbee.

TECUMSEH LODGE, No. 14.

Thomas M. Cooley.	Daniel G. Quackenboss.
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HILLSDALE LODGE, No. 17.

J. R. Thombs.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 22.

Wm. R. Hollister.

ROMEO LODGE, No. 23.

Minot T. Lane.

GENESEE LODGE, No. 24.

M. L. Bagg, proxy.

Said committee further reported, that proper certificates had been

presented by P. G's from several subordinate Lodges, entitling them to receive the P. Official, and G. L. degrees, as follows :

Pontiac Lodge, No. 3—Wm. M. Thompson, Hester L. Stevens.

Jackson Lodge, No. 4—Cha's W. Penny.

Peninsular Lodge, No. 5—James A. Hahn, Edwin R. Slosson.

Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6—Geo. W. Hoffman.

Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7—Joseph Miller, Jr., Sam'l K. Selkrig.

Adrian Lodge, No. 8—Charles W. Hunt.

Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10—John W. Van Cleve, Cha's W. Lane.

Irving Lodge, No. 11—George Martin, Wm. D. Roberts.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14—Thomas M. Cooley, Daniel G. Quackenboss.

Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17—Joseph R. Thombs.

Constantine Lodge, No. 22—William B. Hollister.

Romeo Lodge, No. 23—Minot T. Lane.

The Report was accepted, and the new members in waiting, viz:—P. G's H. L. Stevens, Cha's W. Penny, James A. Hahn, Edwin R. Slosson, Joseph Miller, Jr., Sam'l K. Selkrig, Cha's W. Hunt, Cha's W. Lane, John W. Van Cleve, Thos. M. Cooley, Daniel G. Quackenboss, Joseph R. Thombs, William B. Hollister, and Minot T. Lane, were received, duly instructed in the P. O. and G. L. degrees, and admitted to seats.

The minutes of the last Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Elections and Returns submitted the following Report, which was accepted, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge :

The Committee on Returns and Members respectfully report the following as the result of their examination of the Quarterly and Annual Reports of subordinate Lodges, for term ending June 31, 1847 :

Michigan Lodge, No. 1,	Reports correct,	Dues \$50 09,	paid mem's 194
Wayne " " 2,	" " " "	50 20,	" " 152
Pontiac " " 3,	" " " "	24 13,	" " 89
Jackson " " 4,	" " " "	26 40,	" " 99
Peninsular " " 5,	" " " "	8 60,	" " 57
Berrien Co. " " 6,	" " " "	26 27,	" " 80
Kalamazoo " " 7,	" " " "	16 26,	" " 74
Adrian " " 8,	" " " "	40 70,	" " 142
Washtenaw " " 9,	" " " "	60 14,	" " 122

Wyandotte L'ge No. 10.	Reports correct,	Dues \$25 03,	Paid mem's	71
Irving	" " 11,	" " "	23 04,	" " 48
Wa-wa-at-a-nong	" " 12,	" " "	21 20,	" " 44
Macomb	" " 13,	" " "	23 32,	" " 33
Tecumseh	" " 14,	" " "	33 79,	" " 69
Prairie Ronde	" " 15,	" " "	24 61,	" " 44
Fayette	" " 16,	" " "	17 54,	" " 24
Hilldale	" " 17,	" " "	21 74,	" " 27
Paw Paw	" " 18,	" " "	31 67,	" " 29
Monroe	" " 19,	" " "	20 30,	" " 24
Albion	" " 20,	" " "	27 19,	" " 29
Cars Co.	" " 21,	" " "	17 26,	" " 20
Constantine	" " 22,	" " "	35 46,	" " 33
Romeo	" " 23,	" " "	16 83,	" " 20
Genesee	" " 24,	" " "	17 06,	" " 33

There have been, during the term, 373 initiations, 54 admitted by card, and 54 withdrawn by card. The whole number of contributing members in the State, is 1557. The amount paid out for the relief of sickness and distress, and for burying the dead, by the various Lodges in this State, during the past year, is \$2,692 16. This includes only such sums as have been paid out strictly under the By-Laws of the Lodges.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BAXTER, Chairman.

The M. W. G. Master then read the following Report, which was ordered spread upon the minutes:

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge I. O. of O. F.

of the State of Michigan:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—As we are about to close our fiscal year, and have once more been permitted to assemble in Grand Lodge for that purpose, as well as for the transaction of all business of a regular Annual Communication:

Allow me to congratulate you on the happy termination of our several relations, and the signal prosperity which, in every part of our

fair peninsula, continues to attend our efforts to spread the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

And while we congratulate ourselves, and our hearts swell with thankfulness, for the favor with which these principles have been received ; and the vast amount of human suffering that has been relieved thereby—let us acknowledge our indebtedness to that Supreme Being, whose all-seeing eye we ever recognize, for the bestowal of the unnumbered blessings we have enjoyed, and invoke the continuance of His mercy, that our institution may be ever under His watchful care, and in His kind keeping, and its beneficial operations be continued until human suffering shall cease.

The unparalleled prosperity that has attended our Order since the day, (some thirty years since,) when five brothers, headed by our revered Past Grand Sire Tho's Wilkey, assembled at the sign of the *Seven Stars*, in the city of Baltimore, and struck the spark of benevolence, which should kindle the flame that was to illumine this country in its entire length and breadth, until the time, when not a State or Territory shall be found, from the snowy north to our most southern boundary—from the broad Atlantic coast to the deep rolling Oregon, where its temples may not be found rising to the skies, as cities of refuge for the suffering and distressed—has been the wonder and astonishment of reflecting minds.

Although but six months have elapsed since I assumed the duties of Grand Master, (at which time an able report of the state of the Order was laid before you by the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master, A. Treadway,) yet in this brief space the progress of our Order in this jurisdiction has not been without its interest, but on the contrary, most gratifying to all.

At the Semi-Annual Communication charters were granted for three new Lodges, viz : Monroe Lodge, No. 19, at Monroe ; Albion Lodge, No. 20, at Albion, and Cass County Lodge, No. 21, at Cassopolis ; the two former were placed in the hands of the proper D. Deputies, and duly instituted, particulars of which will probably be laid before you in the reports of their Officers.

The charter for Cass County Lodge, No. 21, I had the pleasure of presenting in person, and, assisted by a large delegation from Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6, and St. Joseph Co. Lodge, Indiana, instituted the same on the 18th of February last. Our first act in this village, was

one of sympathy, in which we were permitted to mingle our tears with those of an afflicted brother, around the grave of his deceased wife, and show our obedience to the mandate of our Order—"Bury the dead." After the institution of the Lodge, and the installation of the Officers, four applicants were received and initiated. This Lodge has continued to flourish in all respects.

An application from several brothers residing in St. Joseph county, for a Lodge to be located in the village of Constantine, was received, and referred to the Executive Committee; upon consideration of which the Committee were fully satisfied that the location was well chosen, and the applicants in all respects worthy; they therefore granted the dispensation—and on the 17th of February, assisted by D. G. Master, Hollister, of Mishawaka, Ia., I instituted the Lodge. There were five initiations on the occasion, all of whom were men of character and stability. This Lodge also has continued to increase in members and moral strength.

A dispensation was also granted for a Lodge at Flint, and for one at Romeo, particulars of the institution of which are not in my possession.

It will be seen that we now have twenty-four Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, six of which have gone into operation since our last communication. I would most respectfully recommend that those Lodges working under dispensations granted during the recess, should at this term receive their charters from this Grand Lodge.

Since we last assembled, the costly and splendid edifice we now occupy has also been completed, and dedicated to Friendship, Love and Truth—an enduring monument to the honor of our brethren of the "Hall Association," and the Order generally. May its Altar, already consecrated to Virtue, ever be kept unsullied. Let no strange incense kindled by the fire of sectarian bigotry, political animosity, or selfish intolerance, ever ascend therefrom.

Many and varied have been the questions submitted to me during the term; none of which, however, have been of such importance that I have deemed it necessary to trouble you with their consideration. I have, therefore, in all cases given a decision according to the best of my judgment and ability.

Unexpected absence from the State, since May last, has prevented my visiting many of the Lodges, as I had contemplated, and from

which visits I had expected to derive great pleasure. This absence, together with the distance I am from the seat of the Grand Lodge, the office of our Worthy Grand Secretary, &c., must be my apology for the hurried, brief, and disconnected report I am at this time forced to submit.

For details and statistics, I must refer you to the report of our Worthy Grand Secretary, and several D. Deputies, the latter of which have been forwarded direct to the office of the G. S., in this city, and which I have not had one moment's time to examine.

I am under many obligations to our Grand Secretary, and the several Officers of the Grand Lodge, for their promptness and fidelity in the discharge of their own duties, and their cheerful assistance in those that belong more particularly to myself, by which I have been relieved of a large share of the burthen and responsibility attendant on the same; and I wish at this time to tender to all, my warmest thanks for your many tokens of kindness.

Let us ever cherish that system of universal brotherhood, which links in the golden chain of an ever expanding sympathy, heart with heart, and man to man; and may that principle of generous beneficence ever dwell in our hearts, which, silently and unseen, like the dews of heaven, blesses and refreshes the wasted and the poor, with the gentle droppings of its bounty; that like rays of light falling upon the rose, shall colour every affection of our nature, and dictate every act of our lives.

Thus shall we testify, that the sublime teachings of our Order have produced their legitimate effect, and finally secure that reward which must attend their practice.

All which is respectfully submitted, in

Friendship, Love and Truth.

ANDREW J. CLARK, G. M.

Detroit, July 21, 1847.

On motion of Rep. M. L. Bagg, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of the following, viz :

P. G. Alfred Treadway,
P. G. D. D. Sinclair,
P. G. D. S. Walbridge,

M. W. G. Master.
R. W. D. G. Master.
R. W. G. Warden.

P. G. Witter J. Baxter,

R. W. G. Secretary.

P. G. Morris M. Williams,

R. W. G. Treasurer.

P. G. Minot T. Lane,

R. W. G. Chaplain.

Before proceeding with the election of Representatives to the G. L. of U. S., Rep. Griswold offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the total amount, hereafter, allowed to each Representative of this G. L. to the G. L. of the U. S., for expenses in attendance on said Grand Lodge, shall not exceed the sum of \$75 for each session.

The resolution was by the G. M. decided out of order.

P. G. John Winder was then elected one of the Representatives to the G. L. of U. S.

Rep. Czar Jones then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this G. L. dispense with the further election of Grand Representatives.

The chair decided the resolution out of order.

Rep. Jones appealed from the decision of the chair, and the decision of the chair was not sustained.

The resolution was then supported, but before action was taken upon it, on motion of Rep. Platt, the G. L. adjourned until half past 8 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

W. J. BAXTER, G. Secretary.

Thursday, July 22—8½ o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the Grand Officers and a due representation.

The resolution offered by Rep. C. Jones, was taken up.

Washtenaw Lodge No. 9, and Wyandotte Lodge No. 10, called for a vote by Lodges, which resulted as follows :

Ayes—Jackson Lodge,	No. 4,	two votes,	2
Peninsular “	“ 5,	“ “	2
Kalamazoo “	“ 7,	“ “	2
Tecumseh “	“ 14,	“ “	2
Constantine “	“ 22,	one “	1
			9
Ayes,			9

NAYS—Michigan Lodge,	No. 1,	two votes,	2
Wayne “	“ 2,	“ “	2
Pontiac “	“ 3,	“ “	2
Washtenaw “	“ 9,	“ “	2
Wyandotte “	“ 10,	“ “	2
Romeo “	“ 23,	one “	1
		Nays,	11

Lodges No. 8 and No. 12, were divided, and Lodges Nos. 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 24, were not represented:

So the resolution was lost.

The G. L. then proceeded to ballot for another Representative to the G. L. of U. S.; whereupon,

Norton R. Ramsdell was elected.

Rep. Griswold then called up his resolution, limiting the amount allowed Grand Representatives, for expenses in attendance at session of G. L. of U. S., to \$75 each.

Rep. Elbert moved to amend by striking out \$75, and inserting \$100; which amendment was lost.

Rep. Miller offered, as a substitute, the following:

Resolved, That the sum of \$150 be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, for payment of expenses of G. Representatives to G. L. of U. S.

The substitute was lost.

The question recurring on the original resolution offered by Rep. Griswold, it was adopted.

The G. L. then closed in the G. L., and opened in the S. Degree, for the purpose of installing the Officers elected for the ensuing year.

The following Officers were then duly installed:

Alfred Treadway,	M. W. G. Master.
David D. Sinclair,	R. W. D. G. Master.
Witter J. Baxter,	R. W. G. Secretary.
Morris M. Williams,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
Minot T. Lane,	R. W. G. Chaplain.

The R. W. Grand Warden elect was not present for installation.

Grand Master Treadway, on taking the chair, made a beautiful, feeling and appropriate address, returning thanks to the G. L. for the honor conferred on him, and pledging his earnest and unwearied efforts for the prosperity and advancement of the order.

The following officers were then appointed and duly installed :

Levi B. Taft,	W. G. Marshal.
Joseph E. Hyde,	W. G. Conductor.
J. Nicholson Elbert,	W. G. Guardian.

Grand Lodge closed in the S. and opened in the G. L. Degree.

The Grand Master, by and with the consent of the G. L., appointed the several standing Committees and District Deputy Grand Masters. (See list of officers of G. L.)

The reports of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, were read and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Representatives Griswold, Hollister and Miller.

The By-Laws adopted by Lodges No. 1, No. 19, No. 20, and No. 21, were presented and referred to the proper Committee.

Applications were presented for new Lodges as follows :

For a Lodge at the village of Birmingham, Oakland county, to be known as Birmingham Lodge, No. 25 ; also for a Lodge at the village of Centerville, St. Joseph county, to be known as St. Joseph Co. Lodge, No. 26 ; also for a Lodge at the village of Hudson, in the County of Lenawee, to be known as Hudson Lodge, No. 27.

Which applications were, on motion, referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Representatives Cha's W. Penny, Jas. E. Platt, and Ira Davis.

A communication was received from P. G. Cleaveland, and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Reps. Griswold, Hollister and Miller.

On motion the G. L. adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

W. J. BAXTER, *G. Secretary.*

Thursday, July 22—2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the G. Officers and a due representation.

The Annual Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, were read and, on motion, referred to the Finance Committee. Several Bills were also read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Rep. Griswold, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of P. G. Cleaveland, reported the same back to the Lodge, and asked to be discharged from its consideration; which request was granted.

And the communication was laid on the table.

The Committee to whom were referred the Reports of the several D. D. G. Masters, submitted the following Report :

To the R. W. G. Lodge of Michigan :

The undersigned Committee, &c., beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the Reports of the several D. D. G. Masters, referred to them, and find nothing in said Reports requiring action by this Grand Lodge, except certain matters contained in the Reports of the D. D. G. Masters for Districts No. 1, No. 8 and No. 10; which matters requiring action by this G. L. will sufficiently appear from the following extracts from said reports :

Extract from Report of D. D. G. Master John Winder, District No. 1 :

"On the presentation of Bro. James Darrah, V. G. elect, of Monroe Lodge, No. 19, for installation, it was stated by the acting Grand Marshal, that he was not eligible to the office under the By-Laws of the G. Lodge of Michigan, not having held the office of Secretary—the incumbent of that office having removed from the city. Being informed that there was no member of the Lodge strictly eligible to the office of V. G., (this being only the second term since the organization of the Lodge)—and the members of the Lodge having unanimously expressed a wish that Bro. Darrah should be installed, the same was accordingly done, subject to the approval of this G. Lodge. I respectfully ask, that my action in the premises, be ratified and confirmed by this G. Lodge."

Your Committee are of opinion, that the action of D. D. G. Master Winder, under the circumstances above referred to, was justifiable and proper, and would recommend that the same be ratified and confirmed.

Extract from Report of Horace Mower, D. D. G. Master for District No. 8 :

"By the accompanying protest you will be made aware of the fact that some difficulty exists between myself and Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, on the subject of the "Golden Rule" certificates. The facts are clearly set forth in the protest, and need not be recapitulated. I briefly assign my reasons for my action in the premises: Learning from authentic sources that there was a diversity of opinion among the Officers of the G. L. of the U. S. on this matter, and that the M. W. G. Sire had expressed his decided disapprobation of any certificates not issued under direction of the G. L. of U. S., I deemed it my duty to

interfere, lest through ignorance we might err, and the Lodge perchance find itself condemned by the express deliberation of the G. Lodge. Nor did I deem it proper, while this question was vexed, for a Subordinate Lodge to assume its decision by instruction to its Officers. In my opinion, it was better to await the final action of the G. L. of the U. S."

The protest accompanying the Report of the D. D. G. Master, sets forth, that a member of Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7, in good standing, presented a blank certificate of membership, got up and published by the proprietors of the Golden Rule, and asked that it might be properly filled up by the Officers of said Lodge, and be signed by them; that said Lodge, by vote, directed the same to be done; that the Officers were willing and desirous of carrying out the decision of said Lodge, as expressed by said vote, but that District Deputy Grand Master Mower, under and by virtue of his office, peremptorily forbid the Officers of said Lodge to sign and attest said certificate of membership.—Against this act of the D. D. G. Master, the Lodge protests, and asks of this G. Lodge to interfere in the premises, by directing said D. D. G. Master to rescind his order, &c.

The Committee have carefully examined the Report of D. D. G. Master Mower, in reference to the matter above referred to, and the Protest of the Lodge to said action, and would report, that in their opinion the action of said D. D. G. Master in the premises, was, under the circumstances, correct; and that while the question is still undecided by the G. L. of the U. S., due respect for the opinion of the M. W. G. Sire of the G. L. of the U. S. demanded his interference.

Extract from Report of Chas. H. Carey, D. D. G. Master for District No. 10:

"The night of meeting of Romeo Lodge, No. 23, was Friday; but the Lodge, wishing to change it from Friday to Monday evening, did so without my knowledge, they not knowing at the time, that it was in violation of a By-Law of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

"As it was near the time of meeting of the G. Lodge, I concluded to let the matter remain as it was, and ask the concurrence of this G. L. in the change of their night of meeting."

Your Committee would recommend—though the change in the night of meeting made by Romeo Lodge, without the consent of this G. Lodge, was in violation of a By-Law of this G. L., as it was made

by said Lodge in ignorance of said By-Law—that the change in the night of meeting be ratified.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. GRISWOLD, }
JOSEPH MILLER, Jr., } *Committee.*
WM. B. HOLLISTER. }

On motion the Report was accepted and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the communication of the R. W. G. Secretary of the G. L. of the U. S., in reference to the establishment of a Seminary of learning by the Order, submitted the following Report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of the G. Secretary of the R. W. G. L. of the U. S., in reference to the establishment of a General Central Seminary of Learning, under the direction and control of the R. W. G. Lodge of the U. S., would respectfully report:

That they have given the matter referred to therein, that careful and deliberate attention which its importance merited. They have examined carefully the Report of the Committee of the G. L. of U. S., on the subject, and every thing within their reach, with reference to such a central Institution; and, much as they are impressed with the importance of providing for the education of orphans under our protection, your Committee are compelled to report adversely to the adoption of the plan proposed, or of any plan for a general institution of learning, under the direction and control of the G. L. of the U. S.

They believe the adoption of such a plan, and the establishment of such an institution, would not only be inexpedient and unwise, but that it would be fraught with danger to the harmony, peace and prosperity of the Order.

Wherever the resources of Lodges will warrant such a step, primary schools, under the direction and control of the Lodges themselves, may perhaps be established with propriety and utility; but even these would have to be general in their character, extending their benefits alike to the children of all the brethren of the Lodge, and carefully guarded against any thing like favoritism. Centralization of power, influence or interest, in our Order, would be peculiarly dangerous to its peace and prosperity; and the education of the children and orphans

under the care of any Lodge, should be the care and duty of that Lodge alone. That all Odd Fellows are brethren, bound to extend to each other, at all times and under all circumstances, fraternal courtesy and kindness, and when occasion may require pecuniary assistance and support, are truths which we would never for one moment forget; and further, that it is one of the leading principles of our beloved Order to protect the widow and educate the orphan—but we are of opinion that these duties will be much more strongly impressed upon the mind, and much more efficiently performed, by the various Lodges in their own jurisdiction, than could possibly be done by any great central institution, and this, too, without any of the dangers and evils incident to such an establishment.

Your Committee feel that they cannot better express the reasons for their disapprobation of the plan for a central institution of learning of the kind spoken of, than by adopting, as their own, that portion of the able Report of the Committee of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on the same subject, to the Grand Lodge of Ohio—in which are set forth at large many objections to such an institution, and would, therefore, adopt the same as a part of this Report.

Entertaining these views, they would recommend the adoption, by this Grand Lodge, of the following resolution, which is the same in substance as that adopted by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, on this subject:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Michigan, disapprove of the proposition submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in regard to the establishment, by the Order, of a National Seminary of Learning, regarding it as a measure which, in its adoption, would be an infringement on the rights of Subordinate Lodges; destructive of the great maxims of equality upon which the Order is based; at variance with the principles of our social organization; involving the assumption of power, on the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which, in our judgment, is not vested in that body—dangerous, if not corrupting, in its tendencies—and evil to the harmony and prosperity of our institution in its consequences.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman*.

The following is the Report of the Committee of the G. L. of Ohio, referred to in the foregoing Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the M. W. Grand Master, in relation to the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, have considered of so much thereof as relates to the establishment of a Seminary of Learning, by the Order, and respectfully submit the following

REPORT :

The subject of education is one of vast interest and importance to the whole body of our people. In addition to the powerful influence which it has exerted, in all ages of the world—in the elevation of the human race, the spread of Christianity, the inculcation of virtuous precepts and principles, the development of mind, the great and mighty triumph of science, and the prostration of vice and superstition—it is with us the very basis of that splendid structure of Republican government which we have reared up, and thus far preserved, as at once the admiration and envy of the world. In our country, governments, both National and State, have made the cause of education an object of especial care. It has been engrafted upon our Constitution, that thereby it might be saved from the fluctuations of party, and the misguided frenzy of popular excitement. It has been stamped upon all our public enactments, and has become a thing fixed in our great political creed. Under like convictions of its importance, and in the same spirit of wisdom, the founders of our noble Order, in this country, have made the "Education of the Orphan" one of the cardinal principles—the four first commands of Odd Fellowship.

In view of these considerations, and deeply impressed with the magnitude of the subject entrusted to them, the Committee feel the extreme delicacy of the position they occupy. Called to the consideration of a project, springing, no doubt, from the most pure and exalted motives, and seeking the attainment of a most noble and praiseworthy object, they are well aware that the suggestion of any considerations of policy or expediency, or even of principle itself, in opposition to its adoption, must necessarily come in conflict with the zeal and enthusiasm which the great end proposed is calculated to inspire, and may therefore, very readily, if not uncharitably, be attributed to a feeling of hostility to the cause of education itself, as identified with the interest and progress of the Order. Trusting, however, their motives to the charity, and their reasons to the dispassionate judgment of the fraternity, they feel constrained to announce, that their deliberations have brought them to a conclusion adverse to the project submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to the consideration of her Subordinate Grand Lodges.

In regard to the pecuniary ability of the Order, in the United States, to establish such an institution, we have not a particle of doubt—provided the whole of the Subordinate Lodges could be brought to consent, first to the collection of such a revenue, and secondly to the appropriation of it to the purposes of a National Institution, instead of a more extensive and useful employment in their own vicinities, and

under their own immediate care and supervision. It is this consent that is now sought to be obtained ; and it becomes the part of wisdom to inquire, not only whether it should be granted, but whether it can properly be asked, as a privilege, or the end constitutionally assumed, as a power, by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

In pursuing the inquiry upon both branches of this proposition, we do not propose to discuss any of the plans that have been submitted to the Order, as the basis of such an institution. They are all objectionable in one essential and vital particular—and that is the limited and almost exclusive benefits, which must necessarily flow from a fund derived from a general assessment upon the whole Order in the Union. In other words, all embrace the principle of taxation of the *MANY*, for the benefit of the *FEW*. It will not be pretended that an institution of this character would be competent to the education of *ALL* the orphans who are entitled to look to the Order for encouragement and support, in this particular, and whose appeals we are so imperatively commanded to regard. The most liberal estimate we have seen, as to the capacity of such an institution, would not entitle Ohio to the admission of more than ten pupils. The trustees of four Lodges in the city of Cincinnati, have now under their charge between fifty and sixty orphans, to whose support and education they are contributing, in a greater or less extent. What the number of this class is throughout this jurisdiction, we have no means of determining ; but we feel safe in stating it at not less than from three to four hundred ; and with the rapid increase which the Order is now experiencing, every year will add much more largely to this number, than age will diminish it. True it is, that ingenuity may devise the means, and they may possess the seemingness and plausibility of fairness, by which the recipients of this national bounty shall be chosen from the number of orphans distributed over the whole State. Yet these would be but palliatives of the wrong ; they would not answer that interrogatory which comes home with irresistible force—by what rule of justice or equity shall our course be justified to this class which appeals most forcibly to our aid and sympathy ? In what consistency with that great first principle of *EQUALITY*, which lies at the foundation of our noble institution, shall we stand before the world, proclaiming that by our *precepts* "*MANY* are called," to our charities, yet by our *practice* "*FEW* are chosen."

We are answered, perhaps, that it is not designed to abandon the education of the mass ; that all are to be instructed in the rudiments of learning ; but that a portion who may be found more highly gifted by nature, shall be aided in attaining distinction, and treading the higher paths of literature and science. The response scarcely mitigates, much less removes the objection. The value and strength of our Order, in a pecuniary point of view, consists in the comparatively small contributions which we require of our members, and the great amount of benefits which, by a *JUST* and *EQUAL* appropriation of the revenue so produced, we are able to confer. To increase taxation for general purposes, even upon principles of *EQUAL* distribution, would be a questionable, if not, indeed, most certainly, a dangerous policy. To do so for *special objects*, and with a view to conferring *exclusive benefits*, would be unjust and intolerable. Whatever fund is set apart for edu-

cational purposes, by the very character and genius of our institution; should be so appropriated that ALL who come within its objects, may attain the highest standard of education which that fund is competent to give. If the means to support a National Institution, or the expense of educating those who are admitted into it, are to be borne by the educational funds of the Lodges, there must be gross inequality and injustice; the *few* must be favored at the expense of the *many*; and as the former are advanced in learning and science, the latter must be left in ignorance. There is no way of avoiding this difficulty, except by an additional exaction from the Lodge revenues, or the assessment of a special tax; neither of which, we submit, it is within the power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or the Grand Lodge of Ohio, to do.

The injustice as well as impolicy of withdrawing from the revenues of the Order, throughout the country, a large amount to be expended in a single locality, and for a specified purpose, will be more fully illustrated, by considering the organization of our institution, as well as its objects. The source of power, that which gives or takes existence, is in the Grand Lodge; but the source of revenues is in the Subordinate Lodges under her jurisdiction. Over those revenues, except for the amount of per centage necessary to defray her own expenses, the Grand Lodge has no control. Each Subordinate Lodge is entitled to exercise this power solely within herself. And she is bound, in good faith, to exercise it *within her own immediate jurisdiction*, (that locality which she was established to benefit,) and there, within the scope of her power, authority and privilege, to do all the good she can, in obedience to the principles and commands of the Order. If one Lodge is so prudently and judiciously conducted, as to spread comfort and intelligence throughout her entire sphere, that is no reason why she should be laid under contribution to her more slothful neighbor. If the Lodges at Dayton have a better educational fund, and fewer dependents upon it, than those at Columbus, they will be able to give the beneficiaries a higher education; and this it is not only their right, but their absolute duty to do. For so long as there is among them a single orphan who craves, or should receive, the mental aliment, they have no right to withhold from him his adequate proportion of the means, in order to devote them to the exclusive benefits of others, who stand in the same relation with himself; or transfer them to another jurisdiction. Each Subordinate Lodge is a government within itself, and has assumed obligations and duties which she is bound in good faith to discharge. She has no more right to take her educational fund, or any portion of it, and appropriate the same to a national institution, or the education of a selected few therein, than have the commissioners of Hamilton county to draw upon the school fund, to pay the expenses of a few of the children of the county at the Miami University, or to eke out the smaller fund of the county of Clermont. In the fulfilment of this duty there are rights that are paramount to the mere arbitrary power of the Lodge to dispose of its own revenues. The brother whom the fraternity have followed to his last resting place, has left an inheritance to his children, EQUAL with that of all others in like situation, which it would be as criminal, on the part of the Lodge,

to diminish by favoritism, as to withhold, by absolute denial of the trust.

The command, that we "educate the orphan," is one which the Grand Lodge of the United States, in the name and spirit of the Order, addresses to the State Grand Lodges; and they in turn to their Subordinates. The power that issues this injunction, should see that it is obeyed; but in yielding this obedience, the Subordinate Lodges cannot be required, by the exercise of any power on the part of the Grand Lodge, to do that which justice to themselves forbids; to go without their own immediate jurisdictions, and expend their funds, to the injury of those who are immediately dependent upon them, for the benefit of others, who have themselves a resource to which they are entitled to look, and the advantages of which they may, in turn, imperiously demand. In the fulfilment of this command, then, as to the means, and the application of them, each Subordinate Lodge is sovereign in itself. It has assumed this duty *to its own members and their descendants after them*. Between those who are thus thrown upon its bounty, it can make no distinctions. It cannot give to one the riper and richer fruits of the tree of knowledge, and deny them unto others; much less can it take from them a portion of the fund which is literally their inheritance, and bestow it upon others, who have equal privileges without it, and who, by this means, would become objects of especial patronage and favoritism. To adopt such a policy, would not only be an act of injustice to the living, but of fraud upon the dead; for the brother who, in his lifetime, contributed to the funds of his Subordinate Lodge, did it, in the full and abiding faith, that when he should be called away, his brethren after him would administer that fund according to its legitimate purposes; and that his children, however humble in the walks of life, would be entitled to look to and claim its benefits, **FULLY and EQUALLY** with all others for whose use it was created, and by whose ancestors it was raised.

And this great principle of our organization, which leaves to Subordinate Lodges the appropriation of their own means, and makes paramount the claims of their own households, harmonizes with the great basis upon which the structure of our political confederacy has been raised, and is founded in the same just and enduring policy. It is not only the duty of the Subordinate Lodges to "educate the orphans" who may be immediately dependent upon them, but they can better do this than others can do it for them. They can more properly and judiciously expend their funds, and accomplish with them a greater amount of good, within their own jurisdictions, and under their own immediate supervision, than can be done in any other manner. A great State, which levies its contributions upon all its people, may erect splendid edifices, and dedicate them to learning and science; but these are, at best, but the ornamental part of the structure, not the true basis of its greatness and power. This is in the knowledge and intelligence of the great mass of the people; those whose circumstances confine them to the more humble walks, not only of life, but instruction. The highly cultivated minds of the few and more favored are great and shining lights of a State; but the perpetuity of free institutions rests not so much upon them, as upon the wide and general

diffusion of intelligence among the people. In the accomplishment of this great purpose, the State may lay the command, and indicate the sources of revenue ; but all experience has demonstrated that the administration of those revenues, in order to effectuate their great purposes, must be committed to the people themselves, in their less cumbersome organizations, and within limited jurisdictions, where ECONOMY may be looked to, EQUALITY promoted, and the RIGHTS of all carefully guarded and protected. We need not go beyond our own State for an illustration of this policy. In her very organization, Ohio established two great institutions of learning, which came under the immediate patronage of the State, and were endowed with the rents and profits of three entire townships of land. Of these, one has languished for years, and is now almost entirely closed up. The rank grass grows upon its walks, and around its very portals ; and an academy, scarcely above the grade of a common school, is held in the long favored and patronized halls of learning. The other still continues to dispense the blessings of education ; but with no more advantage to its attendants than the less favored colleges of the State ; for the endowment, rich as it is, does not open the door to poverty, nor aid the indigent in climbing the steep ascent of science. The experiment has literally failed. On the other hand, the system of common schools, long afterwards established, and the administration of which was committed to the vast multitude of school districts in the State, upon principles of natural justice and equality, has disseminated the blessings of intelligence, and brought home the means of at least primary instruction, to almost every child in the State. The State has commanded of her people that the young shall be educated ; she has indicated the source whence the funds shall be drawn ; and has wisely left to those who contribute, the right to disburse, and to EQUALLY employ the means within the sphere in which they move, the localities in which they are raised.

Such is the true policy of our own institution ; and any attempt to depart from it, however commendable the purpose, or seemingly feasible the design, will only serve to confirm the experience, and perpetuate in ourselves the results, that have followed every attempt, of States or associations, to break down, by the exercise of power, the great principles of equality ; to limit privileges in, and withdraw rights from, their natural and proper depositories ; and, while extending the *burthens*, to contract into favoritism the *blessings* of government. Let the "education of the orphan" still shine forth as one of the brightest principles of the Order. Even let the "command," as now, be laid by the highest authority—but leave to the Subordinate Lodges, the people of our government, the fulfilment of it, according to the obligations, which as between themselves and their members, they have assumed. Leave to each of the Subordinates the proper, yet *equal*, education of those who are more immediately dependent upon it, with the full power and privilege to attain for them such standard as the funds of the Lodge will permit ; and though no splendid temples be reared ; no expensive professorships be created and endowed ; though the eye be not feasted, nor the pride awakened, by any magnificent projects, lavish of cost, but meager and partial in re-

sults ; yet the blessings of at least a primary education will be disseminated to ALL, fitting them for the necessities and the conflicts of life ; the minds of ALL will be matured and expanded, the great principle of *equality* will be preserved, and a basis will be laid for the Order, upon which Time will erect a structure that will endure forever.

We would not be understood as opposing the attainment of the higher branches of education, by any one who may have claims upon the Order for assistance, nor as doubting the propriety of aiding and encouraging so worthy a motive, when the same can be done by a Subordinate Lodge, consistent with the rights of others who hold similar relations to it. But for all such instances, the facilities for education are sufficiently abundant. Our whole country abounds with colleges and seminaries of learning, and their doors are open to all, for an exceedingly moderate compensation. There is no need that the Order should add another unto them, especially when it can only be done at the expense of one of the great principles upon which our institution is based. There is with us no force in the suggestion, that such an institution would be free from the bane of sectarianism. If it held no exclusive position, in this particular, it would, if not from the outset, at least very soon become a prey to the conflicts of sectarian professors, that would either end in exclusiveness, or the destruction of the institution itself. On the other hand, we have no fear of sectarian principles in any of our higher seminaries of learning, as they now exist, and to which might be committed the education of any of the beneficiaries of the Order. The general doctrines of Christianity are a part of our creed. These are taught in our colleges ; and if in the acceptance of them, the mind, upon full examination and reflection, receives with them any particular creed of faith, it is a matter which we have no more right to prohibit, than we have to teach. It is the *individual* action, that, while it infringes no law of our Order, we have no power to inquire into, or control. But even if it were a greater evil than we conceive it to be, still it would not with us, as a mere matter of expediency, justify a movement which we consider an infraction of the rights and privileges of the Subordinate Lodges, and an assumption of power upon the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. Of the former of these we have spoken—of the latter we have but few words to say.

We most respectfully hold, that, as between herself and her Subordinates, while the latter exist, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States is a body of limited original, though ample supervisory powers ; that the provisions of their charters, as well as the great principles of the Order, vest in Subordinate Lodges certain powers and privileges, which can only be lost by forfeiture upon their part, or destroyed by the absolute annihilation of the body by the Grand Lodge ; that first among these stands the detailed collection and appropriation of their own revenues, within the purposes for which the beneficial branch of the Order was engrafted upon it. That the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has the power over the laws of the Order, to command the "education of the orphan," we not only admit, but most cordially sustain : yet that connected with it, either expressly or by

implication, she has the power to levy burthens upon Subordinates, in order to establish seminaries of learning under her own immediate patronage and supervision, we most respectfully yet emphatically deny. Over all the work of the Order, her powers are ample ; and equally so is her authority to keep all her Subordinates within their proper spheres. She has a right to so much of revenue as is requisite to defray her necessary expenses ; but beyond that she has no control over the funds of the Order, for any purposes whatever. She has no power to call and centre them in herself, for the accomplishment of any end, either within or without the objects of the institution ; for if the right be conceded to her, to command of her Subordinates the "education of the orphan," and then draw to herself the means to carry out this object upon a magnificent scale, for the benefit of one in a hundred of those who are equally entitled to it, we may, upon the same principle, permit her to establish a fund, from our revenues, for the support of a chosen number of widows in luxury—or the pensioning of invalid members, who have acquired distinction in the Order, or drawn lucky tickets in the lottery of official favor. The attempt to usurp this power would be as dangerous to the prosperity of the Order, as it would be fatal to the great principle of equality upon which it is based, and the rights and privileges of the Subordinates, were they to grant it, when requested at their hands. If we look to the future, with any strong and well grounded hope, we must, of all things else, avoid the *centralization* of power. Like jealousy, "it makes the meat it feeds on." Its tendency is always to accumulate, and ever, as it grows strong, to oppress. The more it is diversified the easier will it be controlled. The less its usurpation, the more congenial will be its fruits. We hold the present movement to be a most dangerous one in this particular ; for, stripped of all its disguise, it is a proposition to extend the burthens, and restrict the blessings of the Order—to seize upon one of its most hallowed and cherished principles, and make it a means of injustice to, and oppression of, the **MANY**, in order to confer special favors and privileges upon the **FEW**. As such we oppose, and enter our most solemn protest against it.

There is one view of this subject that we have been reluctant to present, lest it might be construed into an imputation upon those distinguished brothers who have been active in bringing it forward. We have no desire or design to cast imputations upon any one ; on the contrary, until otherwise convinced, we hold the motives of all to be good. But however exalted the views, and pure the purposes, of those who might be placed at the head of such an institution, at the time of its commencement, it would very early become a source of dissention and difficulty. Its professorships would become bones of contention ; objects of electioneering and strife ; and eventually, in the triumph of some one of the parties that would spring up, would degenerate into matters of favoritism, if not of corruption, by which a host of leeches would be fastened upon the Order, whose attachment to its great principles would be regulated entirely by the amount they would be enabled to bleed it. Such has been the experience, and such is the history of all governments, political, beneficent, or religious. Even the church has not escaped from them—and if Christianity has been made

the cloak of hypocrisy and corruption, how shall we expect to avoid the evil, if we open the door, and invite it to enter and practice upon us? We are not wiser than other men, nor better able to guard against the evil designs of the wicked and corrupt—unless we shall learn that first lesson of practical wisdom, which teaches to avoid the temptation, rather than contend with its fruits.

In any point of view in which we are able to regard the proposition submitted to us, we find much that threatens evil, and but little that promises to benefit or ensure the prosperity of the Order. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Ohio, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, disapproves of the proposition submitted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in regard to the establishment, by the Order, of a National Seminary of Learning ; regarding it as a measure which, in its adoption, would be an infringement upon the rights of Subordinate Lodges—destructive of the great maxim of EQUALITY upon which the Order is based—at variance with the principles of our social organization ; involving the assumption of power upon the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, which in our judgment is not vested in that body—dangerous, if not corrupting in its tendencies, and evil to the harmony and prosperity of our Institution in its consequences.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

WM. P. STRATTON, }
JOHN BROUGH, } *Committee.*

On motion, the Report was accepted and adopted, and the Secretary was directed to furnish the Grand Representatives to the G. L. of U. S. with an attested copy of the same, to govern their actions in the premises in the G. L. of U. S.

The Executive Committee, to whom several matters were referred at the last session, presented the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge :

Your Committee have examined and considered in all its bearings the following resolution, offered at the last session and referred to them, viz :

“ *Resolved*, That in balloting for members, a Lodge has a right to reconsider any vote upon which it is ascertained that an illegal ballot has been thrown.”

And would report that, in their opinion, it would throw open too wide a door for discussion and reconsideration ; that the evils likely to arise from its adoption would be much greater than those which might arise from illegal balloting, which can hardly occur in any well regulated Lodge. There are now two ballotings provided for, and after the first and before the second, there is time for enquiry and scru-

tiny ; and as a brother who should knowingly throw an illegal ballot would subject himself to reprimand or even a severer penalty, your Committee are of opinion that such cases would be of rare occurrence. They are, therefore, of opinion that said resolution should not be adopted.

They have further examined the resolution referred to them enquiring into the expediency of reducing the dues paid to the G. L. from Subordinates from 10 to 5 per cent, and would report that, at the present time, such reduction would be entirely inexpedient, as, with the most rigid economy, 5 per cent from the Subordinates would not enable the G. L. to carry on its operations.

They have further examined the subject covered by a resolution referred to them, requiring them to examine and report upon the expediency of the expenses of Rep. to this G. L. being borne out of the Treasury of this G. L., and would report that the funds of the G. L., as at present organized, are entirely insufficient to defray such expenses.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. J. CLARK, }
W. J. BAXTER, } *Committee.*

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report :

To the R. W. G. Lodge :

The undersigned Committee to procure Grand Representative Regalia, would report :

That he has procured two setts of Regalia of Bro. Osborn, of N. York, at \$40 per sett—which are herewith submitted, and asks to be discharged.

W. J. BAXTER, *Committee.*

On motion, the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

The Committee appointed at the last session to procure the publication of the proceedings of this G. Lodge from its organization, submitted the following report :

To the R. W. G. Lodge :

Your Committee appointed to procure publication of proceedings of G. L., &c., respectfully report,

That they have performed the duty assigned them, and have had three hundred copies struck off, of all the proceedings of this G. Lodge, from its organization until the present session. They have also em-

bodied in the work the Constitution and By-Laws of the G. L. of U. S. of the G. L. of this State, and the General Laws for the government of Subordinate Lodges in this State.

They would recommend that each Subordinate Lodge be furnished with two copies, with directions to keep the same on file ; and that they be further directed to preserve copies of the proceedings of the subsequent sessions of this G. L. on file in their respective Lodges.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The following report was also submitted by the appropriate Committee :

To the R. W. G. Lodge :

The Committee appointed at the last session to procure rooms for the use of the G. L., respectfully report,

That they have performed the duty by procuring the use of the room now occupied for the sittings of the G. L. for \$50 per year.

They were unable to procure a room for the G. Sec. without greater expense than the state of the funds of the G. Lodge would warrant ; and have therefore made no arrangements for such a room.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. BAXTER, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report :

To the R. W. G. Lodge :

The undersigned Finance Committee, would respectfully report,

That they have examined the Annual Report of the Grand Secretary, and the Annual and Semi-Annual Reports of the Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, and accompanied by proper vouchers.

They have also examined the following accounts, and find them correct, and would recommend their payment :

Grand Lodge of U. S. books, charters, Rep. dues, &c.,	\$94 94
A. S. Williams printing Constitution and By- Laws, proceedings of last session and General Proceedings of G. L. since organization, &c.,	222 32
G. F. Rood & Co., Books and Stationery,	84 34
Atkinson & Godfrey, work on Banner,	15 50
Wells & Co., Express charges on small packages,	2 00

Beecher & Abbott, materials for Banner,	8 67
J. W. Tillman, materials for Banner,	7 18
Jno. Osborn, Rep. Regalia and exchange,	80 80
Bagg & Harmon, printing blank receipts,	20 00
Horace Mower, D. D. G. Master, expenses, &c.,	15 50
Wm. F. Willson, filling up charters,	39 00
Detroit Post-office, postage to July 1st, 1847,	7 79
D. D. Sinclair, D. D. G. Master, expenses,	8 00
Jas. E. Platt, do do,	2 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. N. ELBERT, *Ch. of Committee.*

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted, and the bills ordered paid.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the applications of Brothers for Subordinate Lodges, submitted the following report :

To the R. W. G. Lodge :

Your Committee to whom was referred the application of certain Brothers, accompanied by cards, certificates, &c., for a Lodge in the village of Birmingham, Oakland County, to be known and hailed as Birmingham Lodge, No. 25, I. O. of O. F., would report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that a charter be granted, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

Your Committee also report that they have had under consideration the application of certain Brothers for a Lodge at Centreville, St. Joseph County, to be known and hailed as St. Joseph County Lodge, No. —. Your Committee have also before them a communication signed by the officers and a majority of the members of Constantine Lodge, No. 22, remonstrating against the granting of a charter for a Lodge as above applied for.

In view of all the circumstances, your Committee are of opinion that it would be inexpedient at this time to grant a charter in accordance with the application.

Your Committee would also report, that they have had under consideration the application of certain Brothers for a Lodge at the village of Hudson, Lenawee County, to be known and hailed as Hudson Lodge, No. 26, I. O. of O. F., and recommend that a charter be granted for said Lodge, in accordance with the application of the petitioners.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. W. PENNY, }
JAS. E. PLATT, } *Committee.*
IRA DAVIS, }

On motion, the report was accepted, and after considerable discussion, in which most of the members of the G. Lodge took part, was adopted.

A communication was received from Bre. J. Z. Sackett, of Albion Lodge, No. 20, asking the opinion of the G. L. upon the following questions :

1st. Has a Subordinate Lodge a right to admit a minister of the gospel without his paying the regular initiation fee ? If so, is the Lodge bound to pay the 10 per cent to the G. L. on initiation fee, the same as though it had been received ?

2d. Has a Lodge a right to appropriate the funds of a Lodge to any other object than those specified in the Constitution and By-Laws.

On motion, the communication was referred to the Executive Committee.

The Lodges were then called in their order, in accordance with No. 10, in course of business.

On motion of Rep. Miller,

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the Treasurer of the G. L. for an amount sufficient to defray the expenses of P. G. M. Clark, incurred in attendance at this session of the G. Lodge.

Rep. Platt asked permission for Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, to have a public procession within the next three months.

Also, that said Lodge might present a revised code of By-Laws during recess of G. Lodge to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and that said Lodge might work under such revised code after the same should have been examined and approved by said Committee.

On motion, leave was granted to Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9, as requested above.

Rep. Platt offered the following resolution, which was supported, and, on motion, laid on the table, viz :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to hold its future meetings in the city of Detroit, on account of the high price demanded for the rent of appropriate rooms, and that our Representatives in the G. L. of the U. S. be, and they are hereby instructed to use their efforts to obtain the consent of the G. L. of the U. S. to a change in the place of meeting of this G. Lodge.

Rep. Cooley proposed the following question for the consideration of the G. Lodge :

Is a member of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14, under the By-Laws of that Lodge, entitled to a funeral benefit, on the decease of his wife, previous to his having been a member three months, provided he is a member in good standing and clear of the books.

After considerable discussion, this question was, on motion, answered in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Thombs, permission was given to Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17, to have a public procession in the month of November next.

Rep. Jones gave notice, that he should, as soon as practicable, propose the following amendments to the Constitution—which were reduced to writing, supported by Rep. Hollister, and filed with the Secretary, viz :

Amend section 2, of article 5, of the Constitution, by striking out the words, "ten per cent," in the second line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "five per cent."

On motion of Rep. Taft, the sum of fifty dollars was appropriated for extra services of the R. W. G. S. during the past year, in superintending publication of Constitution, proceedings, &c., of Grand Lodge.

The following question was proposed for the consideration of the Grand Lodge :

"Is a brother liable to be tried upon charges preferred against him in the Lodge of which he was a member, after a card of clearance has been granted to him by said Lodge, upon his application, but before said card has been delivered to him."

After some discussion, the question was, on motion, answered in the negative.

On motion, Charters were granted to Lodges Nos. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26.

On motion of Rep. Cooley,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Officers of the Grand Lodge for the past year, for the zeal and ability with which they have performed the duties of their respective offices.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, *sine die*.

W. J. BAXTER,

Grand Secretary.

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ANNUAL REPORT of R. W. G. Secretary, for the Year

W. J. BAXTER, R. W. G. Secretary, in account with the R. W. G. Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan.

DR.

1846, July 9,	To cash of Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15,	Charter,	\$ 30 00
" 9,	do " " " " 15,	Cards,	1 20
" 9,	do Washtenaw " " 9,	Dues,	15 30
" 9,	do Michigan " " 1,	"	16 22
" 10,	do Tecumseh " " 14,	Cards,	1 80
Aug. 31,	do Michigan " " 1,	"	4 20
Sept. 7,	do Wayne " " 2,	Dues & Cards,	13 00
Oct. 10,	do Berrien Co. " " 6,	Dues,	10 10
" 10,	do Adrian " " 8,	"	17 37
" 12,	do Pontiac " " 3,	"	9 86
" 12,	do Michigan " " 1,	"	24 48
" 14,	do Prairie Ronde " " 15,	"	15 08
" 14,	do Wayne " " 2,	"	10 30
" 14,	do Peninsular " " 5,	Dues & Cards,	13 55
" 14,	do Washtenaw " " 9,	Dues,	16 10
" 14,	do Wyandotte " " 10,	"	12 14
" 14,	do Hillsdale " " 17,	Charter,	30 00
" 22,	do Tecumseh " " 14,	Dues,	27 88
" 29,	do Wa-we-atonong " " 12,	"	6 08
Nov. 9,	do Paw Paw " " 18,	Charter,	30 00
" 11,	do Fayette " " 16,	"	30 00
" 28,	do Peninsular " " 5,	Cards,	1 00
Dec. 11,	do Wyandotte " " 10,	"	1 00
" 18,	do Irving " " 11,	Dues,	6 15
" 18,	do Wayne, " " 2,	Cards,	1 00
1847, Jan. 13,	do Hillsdale " " 17,	"	2 25
" 13,	do Michigan " " 1,	Dues,	20 35
" 13,	do Wayne " " 2,	"	21 90
" 13,	do Pontiac " " 3,	"	16 51
" 13,	do Jackson " " 4,	" 2 qrs.,	27 24
" 13,	do Peninsular " " 5,	"	6 20
" 13,	do Berrien Co. " " 6,	"	17 15
" 13,	do Kalamazoo " " 7,	"	10 78
" 13,	do Adrian " " 8,	"	22 26
" 13,	do Washtenaw " " 9,	"	15 42
" 13,	do Wyandotte " " 10,	"	6 01
" 13,	do Irving " " 11,	"	8 44
" 13,	do Wa-we-atonong " " 12,	"	4 78
" 13,	do Macomb " " 13,	" 2 qrs.,	16 79
" 13,	do Tecumseh " " 14,	"	29 63
" 13,	do Prairie Ronde " " 15,	"	10 00
" 13,	do Fayette " " 16,	"	15 70
" 13,	do Hillsdale " " 17,	"	14 29
" 16,	do Monroe " " 19,	Charter,	30 00
" 16,	do Albion " " 20,	"	30 00
" 16,	do Cass Co. " " 21,	"	30 00
Feb. 25,	do Romeo " " 23,	"	30 00
" 25,	do Berrien Co. " " 6,	Cards,	3 60
March 9,	do Macomb " " 13,	"	50
" 20,	do Monroe " " 19,	"	2 00
April 9,	do Cass Co. " " 21,	"	1 00
" 17,	do Albion " " 20,	"	2 00
" 27,	do Romeo " " 23,	"	1 50
" 28,	do Peninsular " " 5,	"	1 00
May 4,	do Wayne " " 2,	"	1 00
" 14,	do Irving " " 11,	Cards, &c.,	5 00
1147, July 1,	To balance in my hands,		\$175 47

Commencing July 1, 1846, and Ending June 30, 1847.

W. J. BAXTER, R. W. G. Secretary, in account with the R. W. G. Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan.

CR.

1846.		
November 14,	By cash paid Grand Treasurer, as per receipt,	\$334 00
1847.		
April 8,	" " " " " "	234 76
July 1,	Balance,	175 47
		\$744 23

W. J. BAXTER, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

GRAND LODGE I. O. of O. F. of Michigan, in account with HENRY L. WHIPPLE, Grand Treasurer.

DR.

1846.					
July	9,	To paid warrant No.	44,	Detroit Post-office, postage,	\$ 5 85
"	9,	do	"	45, John Osborn, regalia,	164 00
"	9,	do	"	46, G. L. of U. S., cards,	10 50
"	9,	do	"	47, F. B. Hall, D. D. G. M. exps.	2 60
"	9,	do	"	48, G. F. Rood & Co., stationery,	19 02
"	9,	do	"	49, J. Chester, D. D. G. M. exps.	5 38
"	9,	do	"	50, A. J. Clark, do,	5 00
"	9,	do	"	51, Geo. Doty, seals,	3 00
"	9,	do	"	52, Jno. Robinson, sal. & cards,	12 32
"	9,	do	"	53, Host,	3 88
September	1,	do	"	54, Rep. to G. L. of U. S.,	150 00
"	1,	do	"	55, G. Master's expenses,	15 00
November	4,	do	"	56, G. Secretary, sal. & cards,	14 00
"	4,	do	"	57, G. Master's expenses,	20 00
1847.					
March	19,	do	"	58, Committee on celebration,	100 00
"	19,	do	"	59, A. S. Williams, printing,	57 19
"	19,	do	"	60, Detroit Post-office, postage,	10 38
"	19,	do	"	61, Wells & Co., exp. charges,	2 75
"	19,	do	"	62, C. F. Davis, fill'g up chart'rs,	4 00
"	19,	do	"	63, D. S. Walbridge, D. D. G. M. expenses,	4 00
"	19,	do	"	64, Grand Master's expenses,	25 00
"	19,	do	"	65, Host,	6 00
"	19,	do	"	66, do,	2 00
"	19,	do	"	67, Committee on banner,	50 00
"	19,	do	"	68, Wells & Co., exp. charges,	7 40
April	7,	do	"	69, Detroit Post-office, postage,	3 54
"	7,	do	"	70, Grand Secretary, salary,	62 50
June	23,	To loss on bills R. R. Bank, rec'd of former Treasurer,			25 50
July	21,	Balance,			294 76
					\$1085 76

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GRAND LODGE I. O. of O. F. of Michigan, in account with HENRY L. WHIPPLE, Grand Treasurer.

CR.

1846.				
July	9,	By amount received of C. S. Adams, late Treasurer,		
		(\$30 in bills of R. R. Bank,)	\$	413 70
"	9,	By amount received of Jno. Robinson, Jr. G. Secretary,		68 86
August	8,	do " Past G. Secretary, A. R. Torrey,		31 25
November	14,	do " W. J. Baxter, G. Secretary,		334 00
1847.				
January	14,	do " G. Rep. Kellogg, returned,		3 00
April	8,	do " W. J. Baxter, G. Secretary,		234 76
				\$1085 57
1847,				
July	21,	By balance,	\$	294 76

H. L. WHIPPLE, *Grand Treasurer.*

OFFICERS OF LODGES IN MICHIGAN.

GRAND LODGE.

Alfred Treadway.	M. W. G. Master.
David D. Sinclair,	R. W. D. G. Master.
*David S. Walbridge,	R. W. G. Warden.
Witter J. Baxter,	R. W. G. Secretary.
Morris M. Williams,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
Minot T. Lane,	R. W. G. Chaplain.
John Winder,	} R. W. G. Representatives to G. L. of U. S.
Norton R. Ramsdell. }	
Levi B. Taft,	W. G. Marshal.
Joseph E. Hyde,	W. G. Conductor.
J. Nicholson Elbert,	W. G. Guardian.

*B. O. Walbridge has not yet been installed.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District No. 1, Wayne Co.,	P. G. Geo. R. Griswold.
" " 2, Oakland & Genesee Cos.,	" M. L. Bagg.
" " 3, Washtenaw Co.,	" Jas. E. Platt,
" " 4, Lenawee Co.,	" C. A. Stacy.
" " 5, Jackson Co.,	" Czar Jones.
" " 6, Calhoun Co.,	" James A. Hahn.
" " 7, Berrien & St. Joseph Cos.,	" J. C. Larrimore.
" " 8, Kalamazoo Co.,	" Joseph Miller, Jr.
" " 9, Kent Co.,	" S. B. Ball.
" " 10, Macomb Co.,	" Henry D. Terry.
" " 11, Hillsdale Co.,	" Geo. C. Munroe.
" " 12, Van Buren Co.,	" John McKinney.
" " 13, Monroe Co.,	" Jefferson G. Thurber.
" " 14, Cass Co.,	" Alex. H. Redfield.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE.

ON RETURNS AND MEMBERS.

W. J. Baxter,	O. W. Moore.
H. C. Kibbee,	

ON FINANCE.

J. N. Elbert,	Thos. M. Cooley.
John W. Van Cleve,	

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

W. J. Baxter,	H. L. Stevens.
Rolin Robinson,	

ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

A. S. Kellogg,
F. C. Beaman,

James A. Van Dyke.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

MICHIGAN LODGE, No. 1.

Gurdon Williams, N. G.	William Phelps, Sec.
Nicholas Greusel, Jr., V. G.	James A. Hicks, Treas.

WAYNE LODGE, No. 2.

Thos. F. Abbot, N. G.	Selah Reves, Sec.
Peter M. McNoah, V. G.	Elisha Eldred, Treas.

PONTIAC LODGE, No. 3.

Henry W. Lord, N. G.	Sanford M. Green, Sec.
Solon B. Comstock, V. G.	Charles Pitman, Treas.

JACKSON LODGE, No. 4.

Jerome M. Treadwell, N. G.	Fidus Livermore, Sec.
Thomas S. Myrick, V. G.	Oliver C. Mosher, Treas.

PENINSULAR LODGE, No. 5.

S. S. Alcott, N. G.	D. S. Green, Sec.
Barth. Banks, V. G.	N. R. Mainatis, Treas.

BERRIEN CO. LODGE, No. 6.

Charles Jewett, N. G.	Harrison W. Griswold, Sec.
P. P. Maillard, V. G.	A. F. Maillard, Treas.

KALAMAZOO LODGE, No. 7.

Nathl. A. Balch, N. G.	Wm. R. Watson, Sec.
Henry Gilbert, V. G.	Samuel G. Guss, Treas.

ADRIAN LODGE, No. 8.

Carlisle Norwood, N. G.	Morton Eddy, Sec.
Frederick W. Macy, V. G.	W. H. Smith, Treas.

WASHTENAW LODGE, No. 9.

Benj. D. LeFevre, N. G.	George Grenville, Sec.
Nelson B. Nye, V. G.	Charles Spoon, Treas.

WYANDOTTE LODGE, No. 10.

Newton Edmunds, N. G.	Otis H. Lee, Sec.
Edwin C. Alton, V. G.	John R. Hawkins, Treas.

IRVING LODGE, No. 11.

S. O. Kingsbury, N. G.	Chas. P. Babcock, Sec.
D. H. Corbyn, V. G.	Robt. M. Collins, Treas.

WA-WE-ATONONG LODGE, No. 12.

Edgar F. Randolph, N. G.	William Goodnow, Sec.
Thomas C. Miller, V. G.	James P. Teller, Treas.

MACOMB LODGE, No. 13.

John J. Traver, N. G.	Ira Stout, Sec.
Wm. S. Robinson, V. G.	John E. Van Eps, Treas.

TECUMSEH LODGE, No. 14.

Thomas Bayels, N. G.	Charles Hewitt, Sec.
Daniel Williams, V. G.	Peter F. Blosser, Treas.

PRAIRIE RONDE LODGE, No. 15.

Jonas Allen, N. G.	S. S. Cobb, Sec.
Robert Pursel, V. G.	Andrew Y. Moore, Treas.

FAYETTE LODGE, No. 16.

E. O. Grosvenor, N. G.	Chas. Gregory, Sec.
G. F. Baker, V. G.	S. R. Smith, Treas.

HILLSDALE LODGE, No. 17.

Geo. W. Pattison, N. G.	H. S. Mead, Sec.
A. S. Griswold, V. G.	J. W. French, Treas.

PAW PAW LODGE, No. 18.

Emory O. Briggs, N. G.	John Smolk, Jr., Sec.
Edwin R. Moffatt, V. G.	Jerh. H. Simmons, Treas.

MONROE LODGE, No. 19.

Henry D. Walbridge, N. G.	Ira R. Grosvenor, Sec.
James Darrah, V. G.	Henry Grinnell, Treas.

ALBION LODGE, No. 20.

Samuel J. Henderson, N. G.	George Moura, Sec.
Joseph French, V. G.	George Hannah, Treas.

CASS CO. LODGE, No. 21.

George B. Turner, N. G.	Henry R. Close, Sec.
George Sherwood, V. G.	Walter G. Beckwith, Treas.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 22.

Henry H. Riley, N. G.	George L. Camber, Sec.
Wm. C. Pease, V. G.	Wm. O. Fiske, Treas.

ROMEO LODGE, No. 23.

Philo Tillson, N. G.	Asa B. Ayres, Sec.
Chas. F. Mallary, V. G.	Jacob P. Smith, Treas.

GENESEE LODGE, No. 24.

Edward H. Thompson, N. G.	Chas. D. Little, Sec.
George M. Dewy, V. G.	Sylvester A. Pengra, Treas.

ENCAMPMENTS IN MICHIGAN.

Grand Encampment meets semi-annually, at Kalamazoo, on the first Wednesdays of February and August, in each year.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

No.	NAMES.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.
1,	Michigan,	Detroit,	2d & 4th Thursdays, each month.
2,	Marshall,	Marshall,	1st and 3d " " "
3,	Paw-wah-ting,	Niles,	1st and 3d Mondays " " "
4,	Lenawee,	Adrian,	2d and 4th Fridays " " "
5,	Wildey,	Jackson,	1st & 3d Wednesdays " " "
6,	Samaritan,	Kalamazoo,	1st and 3d Fridays " " "
7,	Ann Arbor,	Ann Arbor,	
8,	Kellogg,	Grand Rapids,	

LIST OF LODGES IN MICHIGAN.

The Grand Lodge meets at Detroit, semi-annually, on the third Wednesdays of July and January. The Annual Session is in July.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.
1,	Michigan,	Detroit,	Monday.
2,	Wayne,	"	Friday.
3,	Pontiac,	Pontiac,	Wednesday.
4,	Jackson,	Jackson,	Monday.
5,	Peninsular,	Marshall,	do
6,	Berrien Co.,	Niles,	Saturday.
7,	Kalamazoo,	Kalamazoo,	Tuesday.
8,	Adrian,	Adrian,	Monday.
9,	Washtenaw,	Ann Arbor,	Thursday.
10,	Wyandotte,	Ypsilanti,	Wednesday.
11,	Irving,	Grand Rapids,	Tuesday.
12,	Wa-we-atonong,	Detroit,	do
13,	Macomb,	Mt. Clemens,	Friday.
14,	Tecumseh,	Tecumseh,	Tuesday.
15,	Prairie Ronde,	Schoolcraft,	Saturday.
16,	Fayette,	Jonesville,	Monday.
17,	Hillsdale,	Hillsdale,	Thursday.
18,	Paw Paw,	Paw Paw,	Wednesday.
19,	Monroe,	Monroe,	Monday.
20,	Albion,	Albion,	Friday.
21,	Cass Co.,	Cassopolis,	Saturday.
22,	Constantine,	Constantine,	Thursday.
23,	Romeo,	Romeo,	Monday.
24,	Genesee,	Flint,	Tuesday.
*25,	Birmingham,	Birmingham,	
*26,	Hudson,	Hudson,	

*Organized since last Session of G. Lodge.

OF THE

OF THE

Present :

W. G. Guardian.

E. R. Slosson,

C. W. Hunt,	}	<i>Adrian Lodge, No. 8.</i>
F. C. Beaman,		
James E. Platt,	}	<i>Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9.</i>
N. R. Ramsdell,		
J. W. VanCleve,		<i>Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.</i>
H. C. Kibbee,		<i>Macomb Lodge, No. 13.</i>

And a large number of P. Grands, from various lodges.

The Grand Marshal made the requisite examination, and the Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

D. S. Walbridge, R. W. G. Warden elect, was duly installed into his office.

The committee on elections and returns, reported the certificates of the following P. G's. as correct, and entitling them to receive all the P. O. and G. L. degrees :

Gurdon Williams, Michigan Lodge No. 1 ;
 Thomas F. Abbott, C. W. Jackson, Wayne Lodge, No. 2 ;
 Henry W. Lord, William M. Thompson, Pontiac Lodge, No. 3 ;
 Sidney S. Alcott, Peninsular Lodge, No. 5 ;
 James M. Stuart, J. C. Larrimore, Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6 ;
 C. Joslin, Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10 ;
 Noah Sutton, Wa-we-a-tonong Lodge, No. 12 ;
 Thomas Baylis, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14 ;
 Henry Baxter, E. O. Grosvenor, Fayette Lodge, No. 16 ;
 Henry Waldron, Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17 ;
 Jefferson G. Thurber, Monroe Lodge, No. 19 ;
 S. J. Henderson, J. Z. Sackett, Albion Lodge, No. 20 ;
 A. H. Redfield, Cass Co. Lodge, No. 21 ;
 John B. Flower, Birmingham Lodge, No. 25 ;
 Edward D. Larned, Hudson Lodge, No. 26.

Said committee further reported that there was a certificate for L. H. Stewart, from Battle Creek Lodge, No. 29, correct in form ; but that said Stewart was not entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, nor to receive the degrees ; said lodge having been instituted only on the 11th of November, 1847—said Stewart, consequently, not having served as N. G. a majority of a full term.

On motion, the Report was accepted and adopted. And the following brothers, being in waiting, were admitted, and duly instructed in the G. L. and P. O. degrees, viz :

Gurdon Williams, Thomas F. Abbott, C. W. Jackson, H. W. Lord,

William M. Thompson, Sidney S. Alcott, C. Joslin, Noah Sutton, Thomas Baylis, Henry Baxter, E. O. Grosvenor, Henry Waldron, J. G. Thurber, J. Z. Sackett, A. H. Redfield, Edward D. Larned.

The committee on returns and members reported the certificates of the following new representatives as correct, and entitling them to seats as representatives for their respective lodges, viz :

Gurdon Williams, Michigan Lodge, No. 1;

J. C. Larrimore, Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6;

B. Follett, Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10, to fill vacancy from resignation of C. W. Lane ;

C. A. Stacey, Thomas Baylis, Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14, to fill vacancies from resignations of T. M. Cooley and Daniel G. Quackenboss ;

E. L. Brown, Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15 ;

Henry Baxter, Fayette Lodge, No. 16 ;

Henry Waldron, Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17 ;

John McKinney, Paw Paw Lodge, No. 18 ;

J. G. Thurber, Monroe Lodge, No. 19 ;

John Z. Sackett, Albion Lodge, No. 20 ;

A. H. Redfield, Cass Co. Lodge, No. 21 ;

Edward D. Larned, Hudson Lodge, No. 26 ;

C. Joslin, *proxy*, Tonquish Lodge, No. 32.

That the certificate of Charles Smith, as representative of Romeo Lodge, No. 23, was correct in form ; but that there was no evidence on file in the Grand Lodge to show that he was a Past Grand, and entitled to act as representative—he claiming to have passed the chairs in some Lodge, in the State of New York.

That the certificates of M. L. Bagg, as proxy for Birmingham Lodge No. 24, and Wm. M. Thompson, as proxy for Genesee Lodge No. 25, were correct in form ; but that said lodges were not entitled to proxy representatives, having each a sitting Past Grand entitled to act as representative.

That the certificate of L. H. Stewart, as representative for Battle Creek Lodge No. 29, was correct in form ; but that he was not entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, not being properly a Past Grand.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Warden examine Charles Smith, representative elect, in the various degrees of the sub-

ordinate and grand lodge, and report immediately to this Grand Lodge, the result of such examination.

The R. W. G. Warden reported that he had made careful examination, and found Bro. Smith correct in the various degrees in the subordinate and grand lodge, and recommended that he be admitted to a seat as representative for Romeo Lodge, No. 23.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last session were read and approved.

The M. W. Grand Master read the following

REPORT.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan :

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS—Since your last communication, a petition, in due form, has been received and acted upon by the Executive Committee, from several brothers residing at Centreville, St. Joseph Co., to be organized into a Lodge, to be known as St. Joseph County Lodge, No. 28. It will be recollected by this Grand Lodge that at its last communication the petitioners for this Lodge presented their petition in due form, and owing to representations then made to this Lodge, by several of its members, and particularly from the Representative of Constantine Lodge, No. 22, it was deemed advisable by this Lodge, to refuse the charter for the then present. Subsequently, however, the petitioners for the same, deeming that their location was a desirable one, and that the contingency which was the basis of the refusal of their charter, no longer existed, renewed their petition to the Executive Committee, accompanying which petition, were several communications from members and officers of this Grand Lodge, some of whom had, on the occasion above referred to, opposed the granting of said charter, urging the issue of a dispensation for its organization. Upon an examination of the matters set forth in said petition and communications, the Executive Committee deemed it proper and advisable to issue said dispensation, which was accordingly done on the 13th day of October last, and placed in the hands of D. D. G. M., Joseph Miller, Jr., to institute said Lodge ; and I am unable to inform this Lodge, in the absence of the report of said D. D. G. M., whether said Lodge has been instituted or not. I would most respectfully ask the concurrence of this Lodge in the

action of its Executive Committee in the premises, and grant a charter for said Lodge.

In obedience to the charter granted by this Lodge at its last communication, to Birmingham Lodge, No. 25, I did in person institute and install the officers thereof on the 26th day of August last; and I rejoice to say, said Lodge bids fair to be an ornament and credit to the Order, and a shining light in the community in which it is located.

I am informed that Hudson Lodge, No. 26, has been duly instituted, and the officers thereof regularly installed by D. G. Master D. D. Sinclair, whose report will, I have no doubt, be laid before you.

During the recess, petitions for the following Lodges have been received, and dispensations issued by the Executive Committee, in which your concurrence is respectfully asked, and that charters may issue for the same respectively, to wit :

Raisin River Lodge, No. 27, instituted by D. D. G. M. James E. Platt ; Battle Creek Lodge, No. 29, instituted by D. D. G. M. James A. Hahn ; Huron Lodge, No. 30, instituted by D. D. G. M. James E. Platt ; Coldwater Lodge, No. 31, located in Branch County. Dispensation issued to Bro. F. M. Foster, Special Deputy to institute said Lodge, and I am unable to inform you whether said last Lodge has been instituted or not. Also, Tonquish Lodge, No. 32, and Trenton Lodge, No. 33, both of Wayne County, have been instituted by D. D. G. M. George R. Griswold, whose reports will be laid before you.

A petition was received by the Executive Committee from several brethren from Ann Arbor, praying for the organization of a second Lodge at that place, to be known as Lodge of the Lakes, No. —. The character of the petitioners and those who recommended the organization, were, under all ordinary circumstances, a sufficient guarantee that the Lodge, if instituted, would be creditable and honorable to the Order, and the brethren composing it. But on a thorough examination by the Executive Committee, into the policy of the measure, suggested from experience, and the future good of the Order in that place, the Committee felt bound to refuse the application. If the Committee could have been convinced of the utility and policy of the measure, they would most cordially have seconded their wishes, by granting them a dispensation ; but believing as they did, that di-

viding the Lodge already in so flourishing a condition, would but weaken the powers, resources and influence of the Order, in the community in which it was sought to organize a second Lodge, and if any jealousy did exist among the members of the Order at that place, it would but have a tendency to widen the breach and increase those jealousies.

Our ardor and zeal in the cause of our cherished institutions, may blind us to the consequences resulting from hasty action, and when through a heated zeal, added to a determined perseverance, we succeed in the accomplishment of our desired object, it is then we see, after too late to remedy the evil, the effect of our measures, by their operating the reverse from what we fondly and no doubt honestly anticipated would be for the best. Wisdom and experience should admonish us, not only to temper our zeal with knowledge, but our action should be the result of a proper discrimination of mind, reasoning from cause to effect, and the exercise of all that caution, discretion and judgment which a well balanced mind would exercise, where his own individual interest was at stake.

I would recommend an amendment of the General Laws of this Grand Lodge, as found upon their printed journals, upon pages 103 and 183, so as to conform with a resolution adopted by the R. W. G. L. of the U. S., at its recent session, which resolution is in these words:

“Resolved, That twenty-six nights service as an officer, is a sufficient qualification for the chair of V. G., provided the brother has attained sufficient degrees, and is otherwise competent.”

Without expressing any opinion as to the utility of this measure, it would seem to be necessary that some legislation of this Lodge, to secure a faithful discharge of the duties of the office of Secretary, is requisite, as that officer by virtue of the above resolution, will be no more eligible to the V. G's. chair than the T. or W. of the Lodge. It may therefore be considered necessary by this Lodge to consolidate the two offices of semi-annual and P. Secretary into one, and make them salaried offices, as it cannot be expected that the onerous duties devolving upon that officer will be performed faithfully and punctually where immediate promotion or emolument is made dependent upon uncertain contingences, or promotion very remote.

Through the courtesy of P. G. Master, A. S. Kellogg, I have been

Dr.

1848.	July	1	To balance, as per last report,	\$210 00
		8	Cash of Lodge No. 21, for dues,	21 63
		11	do " " 8, do	39 30
		"	do " " 14, do	20 99
		"	do " " 26, do	15 43
		"	do for Digests,	2 50
		13	do of Lodge No. 30, for dues,	30 47
		13	do " " 30, for digest,	3 50
		15	do " " 4, " cards,	3 00
		15	do " " 16, " dues,	10 37
		15	do " " 17, " "	16 80
		15	do " " 31, " "	39 07
		20	do " " 32, " "	40 41
		20	do " " 32, " cards,	3 50
		20	do " " 19, " dues,	19 40
		20	do " " 14, " "	3 50
		20	do " " 7, " "	11 14
		20	do " " 7, " cards,	3 88
		20	do " " 30, " charter,	30 00
		20	do " " 1, " dues,	33 15
		20	do " " 2, " "	27 72
		20	do " " 4, " "	30 51
		20	do " " 5, " "	32 96
		20	do " " 6, " "	24 09
		20	do " " 9, " "	56 37
		20	do " " 11, " "	21 80
		20	do " " 12, " "	7 16
		20	do " " 13, " "	22 92
		20	do " " 15, " "	6 00
		20	do " " 18, " "	22 31
		20	do " " 23, " "	9 76
		20	do " " 24, " "	23 91
		20	do " " 25, " "	11 04
		20	do " " 27, " &c.,	65 56
		20	do " " 29, " "	17 56
		20	do " " 33, " "	24 00
		20	do " " 31, " "	19 17
		20	do " " 35, " "	11 13
		20	do " " 36, " "	45 07
		20	do " " 3, " "	18 87
		20	do " " 20, " "	19 31
		28	do " " 37, for dispensation,	30 00
		28	do " " 24, " cards,	1 50
Aug.	8	do	" " 22, " dues,	24 14
	13	do	" " 28, " cards, &c.,	1 00
	13	do	" " 28, " cards, &c.,	1 00
	22	do	" " 36, " cards,	6 90
	24	do	" " 2, " odes, &c.,	1 14
	27	do	" " 25, " cards,	2 00
	29	do	" " 21, " "	75
	29	do	" " 10, " "	30 00
Sept.	9	do	" " 38, " dispensation,	2 25
	26	do	" " 2, " cards,	2 50
	26	do	" " 12, " odes,	2 00
Nov.	7	do	" " 17, " cards,	2 00
	10	do	" " 18, " "	30 00
	21	do	" " 39, " dispensation,	2 00
Dec.	12	do	" " 6, " cards,	2 00
	27	do	" " 32, " "	2 63
1849.	Jan'y	4	do " " 38, " dues,	12 52
	5	do	" " 2, " "	18 25
	5	do	" " 12, " "	3 95
	9	do	" " 10, " "	8 79
	9	do	" " 10, " odes,	3 00
	10	do	" " 7, " dues,	4 50
	11	do	" " 5, " "	8 75
	11	do	" " 6, " "	12 34
	11	do	" " 20, " "	5 40
	11	do	" " 21, " "	7 93
	11	do	" " 29, " "	3 63
	11	do	" " 32, " "	15 46
	12	do	" " 4, " "	13 28
	15	do	" " 19, " "	4 45

ANNUAL REPORT of Relief of Lodges in the State of Michigan, of I. O. O. F.; showing the relief in the year commencing July 1, 1848, and ending June 30, 1849.

Lodge.	Number.	No. Bro's relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of Bro's buried.	Am't paid for relief of Brothers.	Am't p'd for relief widow'd families.	Am't p'd for education of orphans.	Am't p'd for burying the dead.	Total amount.	Remarks.
Michigan,	1	20	2	1	372 00	50 00		64 00	486 00	\$30 00 Bro's wives.
Wayne,	2	32	1	1	433 00	20 00		50 00	503 00	
Pontiac,	3	14		1	78 00			30 00	108 00	
Jackson,	4	10		1	75 00			30 00	105 00	
Peninsular,	5	12			102 00				102 00	
Berrien County,	6	14		1	116 65			60 00	176 65	\$15 00 Bro's wife.
Kalamazoo,	7	13			109 00				169 00	
Adrian,	8	38	1		259 00	5 00			264 00	
Washtenaw,	9	17			203 00				203 00	
Wyandotte,	10	20			119 00				119 00	
Irving,	11	12			121 00			*15 00	136 00	*Bro's wife.
Wa we-a-tonong,	12									
Macomb,	13	13			104 00				104 00	
Tecumseh,	14	21		1	142 00			30 00	172 00	
Prairie Ronde,	15	6			14 00				14 00	
Fayette Lodge,	16									No Report.
Hillsdale,	17	7			58 00				58 00	
Paw Paw,	18	12			71 00				71 00	
Monroe,	19	4	1	1	119 00	10 00		45 00	174 00	\$15 00 Bro's wife.
Albion,	20	6			63 00				63 00	
Cass County,	21	9			66 00				66 00	
Constantine,	22	1			8 00				8 00	
Romeo,	23	4			19 00				19 00	
Genesee,	24	14	1	2	72 01	20 00		60 00	152 01	
Birmingham,	25	4			36 00				36 00	
Hudson,	26	5			33 00				33 00	
Raisin River,	27									No Report.
St. Joseph County,	28									No Report.
Battle Creek,	29	10			72 00				72 00	
Huron,	30	17			127 00				127 00	
Coldwater,	31	4	1		33 66			30 00	63 66	
Tonquish,	32	8			70 00				70 00	
Trenton,	33	1			84 00				84 00	
Brooklyn,	34	1			6 00				6 00	
Lodge of the Lakes	35									
Clinton,	36									
Sturgis' Prairie,	37									
Olive Branch,	38	2			75 00				75 00	
Milford,	39									
Unadilla,	40									
Union City,	41									
Saginaw,	42									
Byron,	43									
	354		6	10	3320,32	105,00		414,00	3839,32	Not yet instituted.

OFFICERS OF LODGES IN MICHIGAN.

GRAND LODGE.

From January 19th, 1849, for one year.

JOHN CHESTER,	M. W. G. Master.
GEORGE W. HOFFMAN,	R. W. D. G. Master.
F. C. BEAMAN,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOSEPH E. HYDE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
BENJAMIN VERNOR,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
WILLIAM PHELPS,	R. W. G. Chaplain.
ALFRED TREADWAY, }	{ R. W. G. Representatives to G. L. of U. S.
BENJAMIN FOLLETT, }	
LEONARD H. STEWART,	W. G. Marshal.
CHAS. D. LITTLE,	W. G. Conductor.
ICHABOD COLE,	W. G. Guardian.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

District.	County.	Name.	Residence.
No. 1,	Wayne Co.,	P. G. PETER M'NOAH,	Detroit.
" 2,	Oakland "	" A. C. BALDWIN,	Pontiac.
" 3,	Washtenaw & Livingston Co's.,	" N. B. NYE,	Ann Arbor.
" 4,	Lenawee Co.,	" F. S. SNOW,	Clinton.
" 5,	Jackson "	" J. M. TREADWELL,	Jackson.
" 6,	Calhoun "	" L. H. STEWART,	Battle Creek.
" 7,	Berrien "	" G. GOODMAN,	Niles.
" 8,	Kalamazoo "	" J. PARSONS,	Kalamazoo.
" 9,	Kent "	" G. MARTIN,	Grand Rapids.
" 10,	Macomb "	" C. F. MALLARY	Romeo.
" 11,	Hillsdale & Branch Co's.,	" A. T. GROENDYKE,	Coldwater.
" 12,	Van Buren Co.,	" E. O. BRIGGS,	Paw Paw.
" 13,	Monroe "	" H. D. WALL-BRIDGE,	Monroe.
" 14,	Cass "	" G. B. TURNER,	Cassopolis.
" 15,	Genesee, Saginaw & Shiawassee Co's.,	" CHARLES D. LITTLE,	Flint.
" 16,	St. Joseph Co.,	" WM. C. PEASE,	Constantino.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF GRAND LODGE.

On Returns and Members.

J. E. Hyde, Benjamin Verner, Arthur Edwards.

On Finance.

Julius Movius, Wm. E. Kittredge, A. Thomas.

On Correspondence.

J. E. Hyde, W. G. Goodwin, B. F. Van Brocklin.

On Constitutions and By-Laws.

C. A. Stacey, G. B. Noble, Joseph Stanford.

On the State of the Order.

Chauncey Joslin, W. H. Smith, D. S. Green.

OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

For term commencing July 1, and ending, December 31, 1849.

Michigan Lodge, No. 1.

Lewis Hall, N. G. John D. Fairbanks, Sec'y.

David O. Lum, V. G. Walter Kittredge, Treas.

Wayne Lodge, No. 2.

Eugene Laible, N. G. Luther B. Willard, Sec'y.

Chas. L. Dibble, V. G. William Davis, Treas.

Pontiac Lodge, No. 3.

Solomon W. Denton, N. G. Pierce Patrick, Sec'y.

Origen D. Richardson, V. G. Platt Adams, Treas.

Jackson Lodge, No. 4.

William Aldrich, N. G. Walter R. Williams, Sec'y.

John W. Hulin, V. G. Isaiah M. Harwood, Treas.

Peninsular Lodge No. 5.

H. A. Tillotson, N. G. W. J. Powell, Sec'y.

S. S. Allcott, V. G. W. Church, Treas.

Berrien Co. Lodge, No. 6.

Wm. Graves, N. G. James L. Glenn, Sec'y.

Robert Wilson, V. G. L. H. Grimes, Treas.

Kalamazoo Lodge, No. 7.

Samuel E. Walbridge, N. G. Samuel P. Cobb, Sec'y.

Amos Brownson, V. G. D. W. Metcalf, Treas.

Adrian Lodge, No. 8.

P. J. Spalding, N. G. A. G. Eastman, Sec'y.
W. J. Carroll, V. G. Amos Bigelow, Treas.

Washtenaw Lodge, No. 9.

C. H. Miller, N. G. Jonathan Sprague, Sec'y.
J. W. Cromwell, V. G. W. A. Hatch, Treas.

Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10.

John W. Van Cleve, N. G. John R. Spring, Sec'y.
Charles King, V. G. Alexander Ross, Treas.

Irving Lodge, No. 11.

Jacob Barnes, N. G. E. S. Marsh, Sec'y.
Rob't M. Collins, V. G. Henry Martin, Treas.

Wa-we-a-tonong Lodge, No. 12.

Friend Palmer, N. G. Geo. Sam. Rice, Sec'y.
James E. Pittman, V. G. Moses P. Hutchins, Treas.

Macomb Lodge, No. 13.

Henry D. Terry, N. G. Geo. B. Van Eps, Sec'y.
A. S. Robertson, V. G. Noah S. Harvey, Treas.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 14.

John Cummins, N. G. John McConnell, Sec'y.
Tho's Cummins, V. G. Henry Taylor, Treas.

Prairie Ronde Lodge, No. 15.

Amos D. Allen, N. G. Isaiah W. Pursel, Sec'y.
Mills N. Duncan, V. G. Frederick Dale, Treas.

Fayette Lodge, No. 16.

George C. Munro, N. G. C. North, Sec'y.
R. S. Varnum, V. G. James S. Hastings, Treas.

Hillsdale Lodge, No. 17.

Andrew Hilliker, N. G. H. Johnson, Jr., Sec'y.
John L. Corning, V. G. M. Buchanan, Treas.

Paw Paw Lodge, No. 18.

F. H. Stevens, N. G. L. Darling, Sec'y.
Samuel H. Blackman, V. G. A. V. Pautland, Treas.

Monroe Lodge, No. 19.

Joseph M. Sterling, N. G. Charles R. Taylor, Sec'y.
J. C. Cole, V. G. F. M. Winans, Treas.

Albion Lodge, No. 20.

Walter H. Bidwell, N. G. Linus De Puy, Sec'y.
F. F. Philleo, V. G. J. Z. Sackett, Treas.

Cass Co. Lodge, No. 21.

Alexander H. De Foe, N. G. Henry Tietsort, Sec'y.
Henry R. Close, V. G. Andrew Woods, Treas.

Constantine Lodge, No. 22.

Franklin Wells, N. G. Lemuel C. Laird, Sec'y.
Thomas Mitchell, V. G. Albert Miller, Treas.

Romco Lodge, No. 23.

Edwin C. Owen, N. G. Charles F. Mallary, Sec'y.
Albert E. Leete, V. G. Asa B. Ayres, Treas.

Genesee Lodge, No. 24.

Charles Hascall, N. G. Perkins H. Green, Sec'y.
Leonard Wesson, V. G. Charles Reighley, Treas.

Birmingham Lodge, No. 25.

James M. Hunt, N. G. Ebenezer Raynale, Sec'y.
William S. Jenks, V. G. James Fitz Patrick, Treas.

Hudson Lodge, No. 26.

Not Reported.

Raisin River Lodge, No. 27.

Hull Goodyear, N. G. Amariah Conklin, Sec'y.
Prosper J. Wheeler, V. G. Samuel H. Perkins, Treas.

St. Joseph Co. Lodge, No. 28.

Not Reported.

Battle Creek Lodge, No. 29.

Levi Mosher, N. G. Stephen Gilbert, Sec'y.
F. S. Clarke, V. G. Benjamin F. Hinman, Treas.

Huron Lodge, No. 30.

Nelson H. Wing, N. G. Alexander D. Crane, Sec'y.
James McMahon, V. G. Henry Vinkle, Treas.

Coldwater Lodge, No. 31.

Henry C. Gilbert, N. G. P. P. Wright, Sec'y.
Henry Lockwood, V. G. Luther F. Hale, Treas.

Tonquish Lodge, No. 32.

M. Anthony Mosher, N. G. Henry Fralick, Sec'y.
Thomas P. May, Jr. V. G. Peter Fralick, Treas.

Trenton Lodge, No. 33.

Harry Saunders, N. G.	John A. Rucker, Sec'y.
Thomas Lewis, V. G.	Alva C. Bovee, Treas.

Brooklyn Lodge, No. 34.

Noah Fullington, N. G.	G. B. Tiffany, Sec'y.
Charles W. Ladd, V. G.	William Jones, Treas.

Lodge of the Lakes, No. 35.

Jeremiah Peek, N. G.	John R. Wilcoxson, Sec'y.
S. G. Southerland, V. G.	A. J. Southerland, Treas.

Clinton Lodge, No. 36.

Fielder S. Snow, N. G.	R. B. Royal, Sec'y.
O. Hall, V. G.	H. Larzellere, Treas.

Sturgis' Prairie Lodge, No. 37.

James M. Tefft, N. G.	G. B. Day, Sec'y.
J. G. Wait, V. G.	B. C. Buck, Treas.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 38.

William H. Langley, N. G.	James E. Annin, Sec'y.
Thomas H. Armstrong, V. G.	E. P. Worden, Treas.

Milford Lodge, No. 39.

H. C. Andrews, N. G.	S. F. Hubbell, Sec'y.
C. D. Childs, V. G.	P. Wells, Treas.

Unadilla Lodge, No. 40.

B. M. Palmer, N. G.	O. D. Chapman, Sec'y.
James E. Foster, V. G.	Daniel Barton, Treas.

Union City Lodge, No. 41.

Silas H. Nye, N. G.	J. M. Chase, Sec'y.
M. L. Young, V. G.	S. Morrell, Treas.

Saginaw Lodge, No. 42.

Jacob L. Woodruff, N. G.	Alpheus S. Williams, Sec'y.
John B. Chamberlain, V. G.	C. Garratt, Treas.

Byron Lodge, No. 43.

Chartered, but not yet instituted.

July, 23, 1849.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
R. W. G. LODGE OF THE I. O. OF O. F.
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN.

ODD FELLOW'S HALL, DETROIT, }
Wednesday, January 16th, 1850. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened this evening, being their regular semi-Annual Session.

The Grand Marshall examined Brothers in the Lodge room, and announced a quorum present.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Certificates of P. G's. and Rep's. from subordinate Lodges were then presented and referred to the committee on returns and members; who after due examination submitted the following report, viz :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan :

Your committee would respectfully report, that they have examined the certificates of Past Grands, referred to them, and find the following correct, entitling them to receive the G. L., and such P. O. Degrees as is represented below. viz :

Lodge No. 1, Lewis Hall,	Sec., V. G. and N. G.
“ 2, E. Laible,	“ “ “
“ 4, P. E. De Mill	“ “ “
“ 5, J. A. Way,	“ “ “
“ “ H. A. Tillotson,	“ “ “

Lodge No. 6,	William Graves,	Secretary, V. G. and N. G.
"	7, Samuel E. Walbridge,	" " "
"	8, P. G. Spalding,	" " "
"	9, C. H. Millen,	" " "
"	13, J. E. Van Eps,	" " "
"	15, Amos D. Allen,	" " "
"	18, J. H. Simmons,	" " "
"	20, W. H. Bidwell,	" " "
"	21, A. H. Defoe,	" " "
"	22, Franklin Wells,	" " "
"	23, Abijah Palmer,	" " "
"	24, Charles Hascall,	" " "
"	25, H. W. Botsford,	" " "
"	" James M. Hunt,	" " "
"	28, Edmund Stears,	" " "
"	" Charles Upson,	" " "
"	32, J. Scattergood,	" " "
"	" Mark A. Mosher,	" " "
"	33, Harry Saunders,	" " "
"	34, Noah Fullington,	" " "
"	35, Jeremiah Peek,	" " "
"	37, David Page,	" " "
"	40, B. M. Palmer,	" " "
"	42, W. L. P. Little,	" " "
"	43, F. J. Provost,	" " "
"	44, Josiah Turner,	" " "

Your committee would further report the following brothers as being duly elected Representatives to this Grand Lodge, as appears from the certificates presented to us. Some of them are to fill vacancies, and others on account of the increase in the number of members, viz :

Lodge No. 1,	Hartford Joy,	Vice J. Chester, G. M.
"	" Lewis Hall,	" Wm. Phelps, G. Chaplain,
"	3, C. Pittman,	
"	4, P. De Mill,	" Van Brocklin, resigned.
"	6, A. W. Johnson,	" G. W. Hoffman, D. G. W.
"	" J. C. Nyman,	" Goodman, resigned.

Lodge No. 9,	F. E. Jones,	Vice	Grenville, resigned.
"	" C. H. Millen,		
"	12, J. W. Strong, Jr.,	"	B. Vernor, G. Treasurer.
"	15, A. Y. Moore,	"	Cobb, resigned.
"	17, Joel W. French,	"	Mead, do.
"	18, J. H. Simmons,		
"	23, Abijah Palmer,		
"	24, Chas. Hascall,	"	Geo. M. Dewey, resigned.
"	25, T. A. Flower,		
"	28, Chas. H. Knox,		
"	" E. W. Talbot,		
"	32, George A. Starkweather,		
"	34, Noah Fullington,		
"	35, Jeremiah Peek,	"	Gunn, resigned.
"	37, Ira F. Packard,		
"	38, W. W. Howland,		
"	42, W. L. P. Little,		
"	43, F. J. Provost,		
"	44, Josiah Turner,		

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. E. HYDE,
ARTHUR EDWARDS, } Committee.

On motion, the foregoing report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, Past Grands, J. W. French, of Lodge No. 17, A. W. Johnson, of Lodge No. 6, and George A. Starkweather, of Lodge No. 32, were permitted to receive the P. O. and G. L. degrees; they being requested to file certificates with the G. Secretary, after the close of this session.

The Grand Marshall and Grand Conductor then retired to the Ante Room, to examine Past Grands in waiting, when the following named brothers were admitted and duly instructed in such P. O. and G. L. degrees as they were entitled to receive; P. G. M. Kellogg, acting as Grand Warden, viz :

PAST GRANDS,

P. E. De Mill,	W. H. Bidwell,
F. E. Jones,	H. W. Botsford,
C. H. Millen,	George A. Starkweather,

J. H. Simmons,	N. Fullington,
Charles Mascall,	Francis J. Provost,
J. Scattergood,	Eugene Laible,
Harry Saunders,	J. W. French,
William L. P. Little,	Abijah Palmer,
Lewis Hall,	James M. Hunt,
A. W. Johnson,	Mark A. Mosher,
J. E. Van Eps,	Jeremiah Peek.

The following named Brothers, having filed their certificates at former sessions, were at the same time admitted and instructed, viz :

John Patton,	Morton Eddy,
J. C. Nyman,	Charles H. Knox,
A. C. Baldwin,	Ira F. Packard.
Charles Pittman,	

F. C. Beamen, the Grand Warden elect, being present, was then duly installed in his office.

The roll of members was then called. Present,	
Grand Master,	JOHN CHESTER ;
D. G. M.	GEORGE W. HOFFMAN ;
G. Warden,	F. C. BEAMAN ;
G. Secretary,	J. E. HYDE ;
G. Treasurer,	B. VERNOR ;
G. Chaplain,	WILLIAM PHELPS ;
G. Marshal,	L. H. STEWART ;
G. Conductor,	C. D. LITTLE ;
G. Guardian,	ICHABOD COLE ;
P. G. M.,	A. S. KELLOGG ;
do	A. TREADWAY ;
do	B. FOLLETT ;

and Representatives,

Hartford Joy, Lewis Hall, Wm. E. Kittredge, from Lodge No. 1.	
Peter McNoah, John Patton,	" " " 2.
Wm. M. Thompson, C. Pittman,	" " " 3.
P. E. De Mill, J. M. Treadwell,	" " " 4.
A. W. Johnson, J. C. Nyman, H. W. Griswold,	" " " 6.
Wm. R. Watson,	" " " 7.

W. H. Smith,	"	"	"	8.
N. B. Nye, F. E. Jones, C. H. Millen,	"	"	"	9.
Chauncey Joslin,	"	"	"	10.
S. O. Kingsbury,	"	"	"	11.
Wm. S. Robinson,	"	"	"	13.
C. A. Stacey, Peter F. Blosser,	"	"	"	14.
J. W. French,	"	"	"	17.
J. H. Simmons,	"	"	"	18.
H. D. Wallbridge,	"	"	"	19.
Samuel J. Henderson,	"	"	"	20.
William C. Pease,	"	"	"	22.
Asa B. Ayres, Abijah Palmer,	"	"	"	23.
George H. Hazleton, Charles Hascall,	"	"	"	24.
Charles Briggs, Theron A. Flower,	"	"	"	25.
A. Thomas,	"	"	"	26.
Charles H. Knox, E. W. Talbot,	"	"	"	28.
George A Starkweather,	"	"	"	32.
Arthur Edwards, S. F. Atwood,	"	"	"	33.
Noah Fullington,	"	"	"	34.
Jeremiah Peek,	"	"	"	35.
Danforth Keyes,	"	"	"	36.
Ira F. Packard,	"	"	"	37.
G. W. Pattison, Isaac S. Smith, W. W. Howland,	"	"	"	38.
A. C. Baldwin,	"	"	"	39.
William G. Goodwin,	"	"	"	41.
William L. P. Little,	"	"	"	42.
F. J. Provost,	"	"	"	43.

On motion of Rep. Stacey, Past Grands, Morton, Eddy, and Charles W. Hunt, of Adrian Lodge, No 8, and J. Scattergood, of Tonquish Lodge, No. 32, being present, and having been elected to represent said Lodges, but having no certificates on file, were permitted to sit as such representatives; said Past Grands being required to file proper certificates, at the close of this session.

On motion, the reading of the printed portion of last July session's proceedings, was dispensed with. The unprinted portions were then read, and all approved.

The M. W. Grand Master then submitted the following

REPORT :

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F., of
the State of Michigan :*

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ;—Our last session closed amid the apprehension and gloom caused by the near approach of that fearful pestilence which was scattering death and woe in its path. It has since then swept over us, but, thanks to a kind, protecting providence, no member of the Order, belonging to this jurisdiction, at home or abroad, has, so far as we are informed, fallen its victim; and the dwellings of but two, have been made desolate by its ravages. And yet we rejoice not without sorrow; for, although we have been preserved from the pestilence, death has been in our midst, and stricken down one of the earliest members of the order in this State—one whose virtues and excellencies exalted and graced every place he was called to fill—one, who in private and public life commanded the respect and friendship of all who knew him—our brother, Past Grand Treasurer, Henry L. Whipple.

This Grand Lodge loses in him, an efficient and judicious member; the order one of its brightest ornaments; the State an indefatigable officer; and society at large a most valuable citizen. It remains for you to testify your respect for his memory, by such acts as you shall deem proper and suitable.

The state of the Order at large is prosperous, its increase has not been marked by the accession of the large numbers which characterized its earlier years, but by a more healthy and steady growth. From the journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the United States, (for which I am indebted to R. W. Grand Representative Follet,) I learn that the unhappy difficulties in the State of New York, have been settled in a spirit of compromise and concession, by the establishment within her borders of an additional Grand Lodge. I respectfully suggest the propriety of an expression of your views in regard to the establishment hereafter of more than one Grand Lodge in any State; tending, as it does, to lower the dignity of Grand Lodges, and to induce their multiplication, should this act be held as a precedent to be followed. For the

other legislation and proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I refer you to the report of the R. W. Grand Representatives.

The active opposition to our order, formerly confined to *one* religious denomination, has of late been followed by that of *several* others. One of the Presbyteries of the Presbyterian church, (not in this State) while refusing to affirm the sentence of suspension, passed upon its members, for the *crime* of being Odd Fellows, adopted resolutions strongly disapproving all fellowship with the Order; and, in this city, the recent funeral solemnities of a brother, who, as a stranger, had received that fraternal attention and kind assistance from our members which our laws require, were seized upon by the officiating clergyman, as an occasion for reproachful warning against us.

Strange, indeed, it is, that Odd Fellowship, which teaches only the noblest, purest, precepts of morality—extends aid to the sick and dying, the widow and the fatherless—dispenses its charities unobtrusively, and oft-times secretly, and whose cardinal principle is CHARITY, in its broadest signification, should be opposed by those *whose holier religious obligations impose the like duties*. I allude to the fact in no spirit of censure or unkindness, but as an incentive to our continuing to exemplify the principles of our Order so correctly, and so constantly, as to render all attacks upon it, from whatsoever source they emanate, harmless.

The Lodges within this jurisdiction are generally in a flourishing condition, and are actuated by a spirit of emulation in the performance of their duties, and the strictest adherence to the work of the Order, as taught them. I have deemed it my duty to change the work of the order which heretofore existed, and enforce that received by me from the present R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, on his return from the recent session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Many of the Lodges have already been instructed in it by the Grand Master, D. D. G. Masters, or Past Grands, specially deputed for that purpose; and before your next session, every Lodge within this jurisdiction will have conformed to the correct work of the Order; and no State will excel us therein. You cannot too

rigidly enforce the laws against Lodges receiving instructions from any person whatever, to whom the power has not been *expressly delegated* by you or your officers. Incalculable mischief has been done to the order, at home and abroad, by a disregard of the laws upon this point.

A Dispensation was issued on the 24th of August last, for the establishment of Howell Lodge, No. 44, at Howell, Livingston Co., upon the petition of Josiah Turner, Samuel Spooner, L. K. Hewitt, James Mulloy, John B. Dillingham, John A. Wheeler, and James Swiney. It was instituted Sept. 5th, by D. D. G. M. Nye, assisted by D. D. G. M. Little; and Josiah Turner, N. G.; L. K. Hewitt, V. G.; John B. Dillingham, Secretary; and Samuel Spooner, Treasurer, were installed in due form.

A dispensation was also issued for the establishment at Lansing, Ingham Co., of Capitol Lodge, No. 45; upon the petition of O. A. Jennison, Daniel Munger, D. E. Corbin, Jesse L. Fisher, George I. Parsons, E. G. Gregg, and M. N. Prichard. It was instituted on the 5th Jan., by D. D. G. M. Snow, of District No. 4., (to whose District I have temporarily attached it.) Your concurrence therein, and the issuing of charters to them, is requested.

Byron Lodge, No. 43, chartered at the annual session, was instituted on the 9th of August last, by D. D. G. M., Little, who installed in due form, Francis J. Provost, N. G.; Bowman W. Dennis, V. G.; George C. Holmes, Secretary; and John M. Van Alstine, Treasurer. Their beautiful Hall and Regalia have cost about eighteen hundred dollars, of which sixteen hundred dollars were paid prior to its dedication; and the Lodge was opened under very favorable auspices. I regret, however, to transmit, herewith, charges preferred against Byron Lodge, No. 43, by Huron Lodge, No. 30, for a breach of the law relative to initiating a person who had been rejected a short time previously, by Huron Lodge, and was a resident of Dexter at the time of his initiation.

A copy of these charges were transmitted by the R. W. Grand Secretary, to Byron Lodge, No. 43, on the 20th November.

I append to this report, the Report of the D. D. G. Masters, and call your serious attention to that of D. D. G. M., McNoah, District No. 1, detailing the very singular conduct of Trenton Lodge, No. 33; marked by insubordination and a disregard of a

law of the Grand Lodge, of the United States, to which their attention had been called.

At a former session, Regalia for the use of D. D. G. Masters was ordered, but none was procured. I recommend the purchase of twenty-five sets.

The establishment of new Lodges renders the following changes in Districts necessary: the withdrawal of Livingston county from District No. 3, of Shiawassee county from District No. 15, and forming with them a new District, No. 17; the attaching of Ingham county to District No. 5, and the rescinding of the resolution adopted at the annual session, dismembering District No. 3, and setting up a new one, said resolution having escaped the notice of the Grand Lodge when the present D. D. G. Masters were appointed, was never carried out, and it is impracticable now.

In obedience to the instructions of the Grand Lodge, at the annual session, the R. W. Grand Secretary has procured from the Grand Lodge of the United States a supply of Degree and Working Books, Travelling Cards, and Blank Charters, and was unable to obtain Cards for Odd Fellows' wives, none having been printed. The Lodges will be obliged to *write* them out from the form given in the Digest, their being printed, except by the R. W. G. Lodge of the U. States, is prohibited.

He has had printed four hundred copies of Certificates of Membership in this Grand Lodge. A copy of Rep. Watson's resolution, relative to Fatherland Lodge, No. 111, Pennsylvania, has been forwarded to the R. W. G. Lodge of that State, but its receipt has not been acknowledged. The bound copy of G. L. proceedings has not been sent to the G. L. of Massachusetts; it awaits the publication of the present volume.

I herewith transmit a copy of the proceedings of Cass county Lodge, No. 21, in the case of Clifford Shanahan; also, a communication from the Secretary of the Board of Managers of the Washington Monument Society, for your action thereon.

The Executive Committee was, at the Annual Session, directed to employ a competent person to prepare a Digest and Index of the laws of the order, and of the entire proceedings of this G. Lodge. They secured for this purpose the services of Past D. G. M. Griswold, whom they deemed eminently qualified for the task. He

has prepared with great care and labor, a report, which is full and minute, and will be found invaluable as a text book. I lay it before you, in the full assurance, that after a thorough examination, you will find it complete, and adopt it as a compilation of your laws, in which case, every Lodge in the State should be directed to have a copy, at all Lodge hours, in the Lodge room.

Should you not adopt this report, legislation by you will be imperative, to prevent Lodges from initiating persons who reside out of the State—See Digest, p. 45, sec. 10. The law, as therein set forth, has been violated by Adrian Lodge, No. 8, and by Trenton Lodge, No. 33. In the former case, my attention was called to the fact by the R. W. G. M. of Ohio. With regard to the initiations in Adrian Lodge, and the *early* initiations in Trenton Lodge, no cause for your censure exists, as the Lodges were not aware of the law, which, indeed, is found only in the strange construction of Arts. 23 and 30, of By Laws of G. L. of U. S. by the compilers of the Digest, and which this Grand Lodge has neglected to obey.

My correspondence with the Lodges, although voluminous, relates generally to points of law easily determined by reference to the laws themselves, and I deem it necessary to call your attention to only two subjects thus brought before me. One is the absence of any general law providing for the notice to be given by Lodges in cases of revocation of cards, and service of notice of charges against absentees, which can not be personally served, the enactment of which I recommend. The other is a difference of opinion existing in Jackson Lodge, No. 4, relative to * * * * furniture, reported by D. D. G. M. Treadwell. This Lodge has, under the advice of a Past D. D. G. M., *resumed* the use of * * * * D. D. G. M. Treadwell having given his opinion that the notation on charge book, p. 52, strongly discourages, if not positively prohibits their use, advised their disuse, and applied to me for instructions relative to his further course. Not finding any explicit law on the subject, I advised him that if he deemed them unfit, to order the Lodge to discontinue their use. An expression of your opinion is desirable, in order to secure uniformity in this respect throughout your jurisdiction.

I desire also to call your attention to By-Law Sec. 2, Art. 3,

relative to the transmission of the semi annual P. W., and to suggest a substitute, making the D. D. G. M. the channel of its communication, and changing the time to that of the regular installations.

In conclusion, permit me, very respectfully, to express an earnest hope that your acts may be marked with careful deliberation; that no changes, except those imperatively necessary, may be made; that no important law may be enacted (as has unhappily been heretofore done) during the absence from the Lodge Room, (against parliamentary usage,) of your committees, composed, as they generally are, of representatives of long experience and matured judgment, and that all your doings may tend to the advancement of the order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN CHESTER, *Grand Master.*

On motion of Grand Rep. Follett, the foregoing report of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, to divide its subjects. The Grand Master named as such committee, G. Rep. Follett, P. G. M. Kellogg and Rep. Stacey.

The Grand Treasurer's Report for the last term, was then presented, and referred to the Finance Committee.

Grand Representatives Treadway and Follett submitted their report, as follows:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the State of Michigan:

The undersigned, Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, having attended the Annual Communication of that body in September last, herewith submit their report, with a brief abstract of such proceedings as are necessary or important to be known in this jurisdiction.

On an inspection of the several reports of the Grand Sire, and the Grand Secretary, it will be apparent that the order is still making rapid accessions to its numbers, wealth and influence, and extending its benign and happy effects over a vast multitude of intelligences, scattered as they are from the Canadas,

to the west of the Rocky Mountains, and into the Islands of the Pacific, and in almost every town and hamlet on this Western Continent, are to be found the banners of our order, hung out on the outer walls as the polar star, to guide the weary brother to a peaceful retreat, from the adversities and calamities, incident to this unfeeling and unfriendly world; inspiring in the heart of every faithful Odd Fellow, the thrilling emotions of joy, that would involuntarily be uttered by the tempest tossed mariner, when he discovered the first glimmerings from a light-house, upon his native shore, or the long absent wanderer from the land of his birth-right, to view upon the flag staff, flying to the breeze, the stars and stripes of his country, "hail my affianced Brother I greet thee."

After the usual routine business, consequent upon the opening and organization of such a body, the solemn forms and ceremonies of installing the officers elect was performed. An important and interesting ceremony always, but rendered doubly so on this occasion, on account of the vital interests of the Order being involved and then pending; and depending in a great measure, upon the temperate, discreet, and proper manner in which the incumbent of the Chair of the Grand Sire, should exercise his prerogative.

At such a time, and upon such an occasion, it is not a matter of surprise or wonder, that all who have the peace, harmony and future prosperity of the Order at heart, should look on at such a ceremony with mingled feelings of hope and despondency. Of hope, that a conservative principle might ever characterize the incumbent of the Executive Chair—assuage the rising storm of passion that threatens the mastery over reason, and the dictates of calm and sober judgment—to still the storm, and sooth the spirit of passion, and direct in harmony the united efforts of those anxious to perpetuate and hand down to succeeding generations, the pure principles of our Order. Of despondency, that while we even yet gazed upon the solemn ceremony of the investiture of that officer with his robes of office, and the surrender to him of that sacred instrument, the chief corner stone of our fair fabric, the *Constitution*, our ears would sooner or later be saluted with the requiem of violated and down trodden principles, faith, and misplaced confidence; and a sigh echo its mournful dirge in the hereafter deserted halls, once the seat of all the friendship, peace and

harmony that ever enobled or characterized human society.— Well may it be said, the scene was one that was truly fraught with the weal or woe of the Order.

The Report of the Grand Secretary shows the receipt of the sum of \$1,113,50, for the Wildey Fund, and for the Wildey annuity fund, the sum of \$136,90, and also that there has been received by that officer, the sum of \$75,00 from the various Lodges, for the purpose of erecting a Hall at Honolulu, situated upon one of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean.

No donations or contributions have been forwarded to the Grand Secretary from any Lodge within this jurisdiction, as your Representatives are as yet advised of, to be applied to either of last mentioned objects.

It is not our design to discuss at this time, the various enactments of that body, neither would it be proper for us to attempt to forestall the opinion of this Grand Lodge, by any expression of our own opinion, either in favor or against any particular act of said Grand Body; but simply to call the attention of this body to the acts as recorded in the journals of that body; indeed, were it necessary that we should take up each subject that was brought before that body for action, and which became a law, and enter into an elaborate argument in favor or against each proposition as it came up in its order, it would require more time, labor and talent, than your representatives would feel competent, or would be expected by this Grand Lodge, for them to bestow.

In the first instance therefore, we refer you to a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge, (see Journal last Session, page 375,) appointing a special committee of three, to prepare and report at the next Session of that Grand Body, a form for opening and closing Degree Lodges, and for the installations of the officers of such bodies; which system when perfected, will no doubt have a tendency to enlist more zeal among our brethren, to acquire a more perfect knowledge of the principles and maxims, inculcated in the lectures of the several degrees, and insure a more general attendance of members, and consequently a better preparation on the part of Degree Members, to give the required instructions, and by those particularly upon whom the duty especially belongs to give such instructions.

We also refer you, to a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge,

(see Journal last Session, page 375) referring to the same special committee as above, the duty of preparing and reporting at the next session of that body, appropriate lectures, to be given on the conferring of the P. Off. Degrees, which will make an addition to, and improvement in the present work, that has long been needed to give dignity, force and efficacy to this branch of the work, and which we have no doubt, will be cordially received by all State Grand Lodges.

Many subjects for legislation were introduced and referred to the appropriate committees, for their consideration and report, but among them all but few new principles or laws, were in the reports of said committees recommended or by the Lodge adopted. There seemed to be a manifest disposition evinced on the part of the Lodge, to make our General Laws of a permanent character, subject to but little variation or change, until at least, those already in operation had been sufficiently tried to test their utility. It has heretofore been one great evil in our Order, to legislate too much and make too sudden changes in the Laws, before a fair test had been made of the existing laws ; and in order to more effectually remedy that evil and make it at least more difficult to so easily change existing law, the Grand Lodge deemed it expedient to adopt a report and accompanying resolutions of the Legislative Committee, recommending that in future, legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States, commencing with the Annual Communication of 1850, shall be, by bill upon all such subjects as will admit thereof. (See Journal, pp. 367, 389.)

This Grand Lodge will also perceive, upon referring to said Journal, pp. 332, 367, that a very important amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was adopted by that body, relative to the manner of defraying the expenses of the Grand Representatives while attending the sessions of that body. The 1st, 2d and 3d Resolutions accompanying the report of the committee, found upon p. 367, were adopted with but little discussion by the Lodge. The 4th Resolution accompanying the report of said committee, was amended as follows, (see Journal, p. 376) strike out all after the word "to" in the third line, and insert as follows: "Be estimated pro rata upon the number of the subordinate Lodges and Encampments of such State Grand Body

respectively ;" which amended resolution was adopted by the Lodge, (see Journal p. 388) and will read as follows ; " And be it further resolved, that to meet the payment of the said per diem allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary, shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body—said assessment to be estimated pro rata upon the number of the subordinate Lodges and Encampments, of such State Grand Body respectively." By virtue of this amendment, it will be perceived that the expenses of this Lodge in supporting her constitutional vote in that Grand Body, will be much diminished—because the basis of the assessment is fixed upon the ratio of subordinate Lodges and Encampments within this jurisdiction, which is comparatively small in number, with the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia and many other States that might be mentioned.

The Representative tax, which we have heretofore been required to pay into the Grand Lodge of the United States, still remains incumbent upon this Grand Lodge to pay, (see Journal, p. 400) but the purposes to which it is to be applied, have been, by means of this amendment, diverted to that of making up and constituting a portion of your Grand Representative's expenses, while attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the balance or deficiency to make up said Grand Representative's expenses, is to be supplied by the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the pro rata assessment contemplated by the aforesaid amendment.

We would also refer this Grand Lodge to the report and accompanying resolutions of a special committee, appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be found upon the Journals of that Body, at its last session, on pp. 369, 370, relative to the adoption of a proper standard of parliamentary Rules and Practice, as a guide for the deliberations of the order in all cases, when present rules do not apply. Which Report and Resolution were adopted by that body (see Journal, p. 389) which in the opinion of your Representatives, will have a tendency, if adopted by all State Grand Bodies, to harmonize and make uniform all proceedings connected with the proper administration and governance of all Grand Bodies.

There were a number of constructions given to the General Laws of the Order, and a few new principles recognized and established in the adoption of reports, of standing, and special committees, with accompanying resolutions by that Body, not heretofore fully understood or defined to the order generally, which we shall take occasion to refer to only by their titles and the page upon the Journal of the proceedings of that Body, where the same may be found—so that Members of this Grand Lodge may at their leisure moments, refer to said Journal, and learn from the Reports and Resolutions of said Committees, the reasons governing their conclusions, and adoption of the same by the Lodge.

The power of a Grand Lodge to grant permission to a subordinate to have semi-monthly meetings, report of committee thereon, see Journal, p. 370, and adopted, see Journal, p. 390.

Relative to an application for a final card, the Brother has a right to withdraw his application at any time before a vote; see Journal, p. 350, adopted p. 399.

Relative to the rights, privileges and disabilities of a V. G. see Journal, pp. 321, 353, and Digest of Laws, p. 49 sec. 19, adopted, 389.

Relative to the Law governing benefits to Members depositing their cards, and taken sick or dying before the period prescribed for becoming entitled to benefits, Journal of 1848, pp. 112, 113.

Relative to the introduction of Visitors into Grand or Subordinate Lodges, prior to opening the same; Journal of 1848, p. 110.

Relative to the definition of the 30th article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States; see Rep. of Com. p. 371, Journal, last session, and adopted p. 390.

Relative to the deposit of cards of clearance, and the right to visit upon them, and visiting cards, when the Lodges granting them are under suspension or expulsion; Report of committee, p. 348, and adopted p. 362.

Relative to the expediency of initiating into the Order, any who are deprived of the senses of sight, or hearing, or the power of speech; Report of committee on same, with resolution, pp. 348, 349, adopted on p. 362.

Relative to the deposite of cards, of Ancient Odd Fellows, or Odd Fellows holding permanent cards, not expired, and who have

presented their cards for deposit in a lodge under the jurisdiction where they reside, and have been rejected, can be permitted to join in funeral or other processions, as if they were members in good standing; see report of committee on Journal, pp. 349, 381, and adopted, p. 391.

Relative to the approval by the G. L. of a State, of a by-law of a subordinate Lodge, declaring that infidels shall not be proposed as members, see report of committee, Journal, p. 381, and adopted on p. 391.

Relative to an adjourned session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to be held at Cincinnati for the purpose of taking into consideration the present constitution of said Grand Lodge, and to digest and report the same, with such alterations and amendments as may be deemed advisable; see report of committee with accompanying resolutions, Journal, pp. 379, 380, and adopted amendments thereto, see Journal, p. 388.

Relative to a number of inquiries made by Rep. Forbes of Mo., applicable to a variety of subjects connected with the Order; see Journal, p. 277, and report of committee thereon, see Journal, p. 380, and adopted on Journal, p. 391.

Relative to the several decisions of the Grand Sire enumerated in his report during the recess of the Grand Lodge; see Journal for report of committee on p. 372, which report was adopted on Journal p. 391.

Whether a State Grand Lodge can approve of a By-Law of its subordinate, containing a clause prohibitory to the use of spirituous or malt liquors, wines, or other intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and if persisted in, the member would be liable to reprimand, suspension or expulsion; see report of committee, Journal, pp. 381, 382, and adopted, see Journal, p. 391.

Whether a divorced wife can testify against her former husband; see report of committee, Journal, p. 380, and adopted, p. 391.

The law relative to the restoration of Members after suspension; see report of committee thereon, Journal, p. 382, and adopted p. 391.

The law relative to the reconsideration of a vote in the Grand Lodge, involving the rights of Members of subordinate Lodges

upon the inquiry made by Rep. Hunt, of Md., on p. 233 of the Journal ; see report of committee thereon, Journal, p. 354, and its adoption on p. 339.

The law relative to a Lodge going back of the initiation of a candidate to declare it null and void ; see question as proposed by Rep. Hunt of Md., on p. 234 of the Journal, and the report of the committee thereon, on p. 353, which report does not seem to cover the whole ground embraced in the inquiry, but which was nevertheless adopted ; see Journal p. 339.

The law relative to the power of a State Grand Lodge, to elect or appoint other officers in addition to those specified in sec. 5 art. 11 of Digest, and also as to the power of the same body to elect or appoint an officer for a subordinate Lodge, upon the proposition of Rep. Moffat of Mo., see Journal, p. 262 ; the report of the committee to be found upon Journal, p. 254, and was adopted, see Journal, p. 339.

The law relative to the official term of office of subordinate Lodges, does not necessarily change the Q. P. W., that power resides with the several State Grand Lodges, whether it shall be changed from Q. to semi A. or not ; see conclusion of report of committee upon that subject, Journal, p. 396, with resolutions of Rep. Moffat, which were on the same day adopted ; see Journal, p. 396.

A resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last session, see Journal, p. 400 to the following effect, to wit : " Resolved, that no representative can be recognized upon the floor of this Grand Lodge at any future session, unless clothed in the full regalia of Grand Representative."

By the adoption of said resolution, it will be manifest to this Grand Lodge, that in order that your Representatives be entitled to the rights and privileges of Grand Representatives in that body, it will be necessary for this Grand Lodge to provide a suitable set of Grand Representatives regalia.

A special committee of nine were appointed by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, to inquire into the expediency of procuring a suitable block of marble, granite, or other stone, to be contributed on behalf of the said Grand Lodge, towards the monument now erecting in the City of Washington, in honor

of the Father of his country, and that if the said committee be satisfied of the propriety of the measure, that they be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for any sum not exceeding \$300,00 to carry the same into execution.

It is needless for us to comment upon this procedure of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It was a measure most happily conceived by its author, and when consummated will redound to the honor of the order, and remain as an enduring monument of the gratitude of the American people to the Father of their country, for the conspicuous part he bore in the achievement of our civil and religious liberty. It is also a beautiful and appropriate emblem, a memento which we, as an order, record as a seal of our love and approbation for departed worth, as a trivial token to the memory of one who, when alive, cherished a more than brotherly regard for a kindred institution to our own, and whose whole life and character was a practical amplification of the pure principles inculcated in our order. Then let us cheerfully deposit our Block of Marble or Granite within this monument of gratitude, as we would the evergreen in the grave of some loved one, and thereby shadow forth to the world our appreciation of true merit.

In concluding this hasty report, allow us the pleasure of congratulating this Grand Lodge, and its jurisdiction upon the happy termination of the New York controversy. A controversy that had assumed a most threatening and alarming aspect, so far as the stability and permanency of the present organization of our order was concerned. The cloud was indeed dark and portentous that hovered over our heads, and the fountains of the great deep began to yield to the coming storm, as wave after wave dashed its fury upon our craft, evidencing the certain ship-wreck and destruction of the whole crew if all sail was not reefed and every brother at his post, with a man at the helm, capable of withstanding the peltings of that cheerless storm, and of steering the noble ship into a safe harbor. Ah! we had indeed as noble a boat's crew as ever manned a ship in a storm, those too, that had been wafted upon a tempestuous sea before and knew where the breakers were, and knew too, how to shun them. We had a Captain that stood by us in that hour of peril, with a composed and calm de-

meanor, bidding us hope for the future safety of our vessel, and our safe arrival into a calm and tranquil harbor. Yet the storm raged on, and with each swelling wave, seemed to bid defiance to all hope, save that of being overwhelmed; and we looked upon one another with feelings of despondency, as our then apparent doom stared us in the face: the hope that our captain had heretofore inspired us with, now languished and almost went out. The crisis came, all the crew stood on deck expecting the next plunge we made would be our last. All were fixed, immoveably fixed, to their post of duty, resigned to the consequences to follow that plunge; it went down, it rose again triumphantly, and bore us safely over the maddened waters into a peaceful retreat from the howlings of that fearful storm. What congratulations were exchanged by that boat's crew may be better imagined than described.

Thus ended a controversy that had raged with unabated violence during a period of three years, among our Brethren in New York, and which had spread its baleful effects throughout the entire body of the order, and threatened the wreck of all that we hold dear, of its principles and teachings; and should that enemy to the peace and happiness of mankind, but more especially among us as Brethren, *strife* and *contention*, ever again assend the platform on which is based our happiness, harmony and union, and seek to engulf us in a common ruin may we have those at the helm of our order that will deal a sure and fatal rebuke to their arrogance and disloyalty, and teach them that strife and discord, heart-burnings and bickerings, party and sect, with all their allies, are banished without our council; that we, as an order and band of Brothers, will war against vice in all its forms.

During the pendency of the New York controversy, and at the time the final vote was being taken, one of your Grand Representatives was confined to his room by indisposition; a circumstance to him greatly annoying as it deprived him of the pleasure of casting his own vote, upon a question that came to so happy a result. The other Representative however, had the pleasure of recording his colleague's vote according to his express instructions and wishes.

Your Representatives cheerfully avail themselves of this opportunity of bearing their testimony to the courtesy and kindness re-

ceived from the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, while attending the session of that body, and entertain for them, one and all, a high regard for their fraternal civilities.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

ALFRED TREADWAY, }
BENJAMIN FOLLETT, } *Grand Reprs.*

January 16, 1850.

On motion, the foregoing Report was accepted.

A motion to adjourn until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow was put and lost.

On motion of Rep. Joslin, the Grand Representatives' Report, was referred to a special committee of three. The Grand Master named as such committee, Reps. Nye, Walbridge and W. L. P. Little.

The following communication from P. G. G. F. Rood of Lodge No. 1 was read, and on motion referred to a special committee, with instructions to report to-morrow morning. The G. M. appointed as such committee: Dep. G. M. Hoffman, P. G. M. Treadway, and Rep. Joslin, to wit:

Detroit, January 16, 1850.

*To the M. W. Grand Master and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge
of the State of Michigan I. O. O. F.*

BROTHERS,—It is with extreme regret that I consider myself under the necessity of addressing you on the subject of the election of Representatives by Michigan Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F., said Lodge having elected a Representative to your R. W. Body, to fill a vacancy, in direct contravention of clause first, section second of the constitution; which says that Representatives *shall* be chosen from among *Past Grands* in good standing; and

Whereas Brother Lewis Hall was at the time of his election to the office of Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge, sitting Noble Grand of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F. Therefore I would most respectfully *protest* against such election, also, to his being entitled to his seat as said Representative from said Lodge, the whole proceeding being illegal, and contrary to the law, in such case made and provided.

Accompanying, please find the certificate of the past Secretary of

Michigan Lodge, No. 1, in reference to my statement, all of which is respectfully submitted by

Yours Fraternally,

G. F. ROOD,

P. G. Michigan Lodge No. 1 I. O. O. F.

I hereby certify, that I was Secretary of Michigan Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F. at the time that Brother Lewis Hall was elected Representative to the Grand Lodge, and he was nominated and elected while filling the office of Noble Grand. At the time he was nominated, he stated that he did not consider himself eligible to the office, as he was not yet a Past Grand, but he was informed by Past Grands present that he was eligible. The election occurred on or about the 31st day of December, 1849.

JOHN D. FAIRBANKS,

Detroit, Jan. 16, 1850.

V. G. M. L. No. 1.

The appeal of Rep. Joslin from decision of Wyandotte Lodge, No. 10, as presented at the July session of this Grand Lodge, was then acted upon, and the report of the committee at that time having it under consideration, was on motion of Rep. Joslin accepted and adopted.

A copy of the Minutes of Cass County Lodge, No. 21, respecting the appeal of C. Shanahan, was then presented according to the request of the committee's report at the last July session, and this, together with said *appeal*, was on motion referred to a committee on *appeals*, viz : G. Rep. Treadway, Reps. C. D. Little and Ichabod Cole.

An appeal, by Chauncy Adams, from the action of Sturgis Prairie Lodge, No. 37, was presented and on motion referred to the above named committee on *appeals*; also a copy of the records of Sturgis Prairie Lodge, No. 37, referring to said Chauncy Adams, which was referred to same committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday, Jan. 17 1850, 9 A. M.

Grand Lodge met—Present :

JOHN CHESTER,
GEO. W. HOFFMAN,
F. C. BEAMAN,
J. E. HYDE,
B. VERNOR,

G. Master,
D. G. Master,
G. Warden,
G. Secretary,
G. Treasurer,

WM. PHELPS,	G. Chaplain,
L. H. STEWART,	G. Marshall,
C. D. LITTLE,	G. Conductor,
ICHABOD COLE,	G. Guardian.
A. TREADWAY, {	Grand Representatives.
B. FOLLETT, }	
A. S. KELLOGG,	P. G. M. and D. G. Sire.

Representatives: Joy, Hall, W. E. Kittridge, Patton, Abbott, Thompson, Pittman, De Mill, Treadwell, Green, Johnson, Nyman, H. W. Griswold, Watson, W. H. Smith, Eddy, C. W. Hunt, Nye, Jones, Millen, Joslin, Kingsbury, Stacey, Blosser, French, Simmons, Henderson, Pease, Briggs, Flower, Thomas, Starkweather, Scattergood, Edwards, Atwood, Peck, Keyes, Packard, Pattison, J. S. Smith, Goodwin, W. L. P. Little and Provost.

Prayer by R. W. Grand Chaplain.

Minutes of last evenings session read and approved.

The following named Past Grands were announced as being in waiting, and were accordingly received and duly instructed in the P. O. and G. L. Degrees, to wit: A. T. Moore, A. Tillotson and J. A. Way.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's Report, submitted the following report, viz:

To the R. W. G. Lodge of I. O. O. F. State of Michigan.

The undersigned committee to whom was referred the M. W. G. Masters report, for the purpose of referring to appropriate committees the subject matter contained therein.

R E P O R T.

That so much of said report as refers to the death of P. G. Treasurer, Henry L. Whipple be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as relates to dividing the jurisdiction of State Grand Lodges, be referred to the committee on the state of the order.

So much as relates to the confirming Dispensations issued for the institution of Lodges by the executive committee, to a special committee of three.

So much as relates to charges preferred by Huron Lodge No. 30 against Byron Lodge No. 43, to the committee on appeals.

So much as relates to the insubordination of Trenton Lodge No. 33, together with the reports of D. D. G. Masters, to a special committee.

So much as relates to the purchase of D. D. G. Masters Regalia, to the Finance committee.

So much as relates to the organization of Districts, to the committee on state of the order.

So much as relates to the Washington National Monument, to a special committee.

So much as relates to the compilation of the laws of the order in this Jurisdiction, to a special committee, with power to set during the recess of this Grand Lodge, and to have the same printed for action at the next session.

So much as relates to the uniformity of * * * * furniture, to the committee on the state of the order.

So much as relates to sec. 2, art. 3 of By-Laws, to committee on state of the order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN FOLLETT,
A. S. KELLOGG,
C. A. STACEY. } Committee.

On motion the foregoing Report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following special committees, as above requested, viz :

On the death of P. G. Treasurer Whipple, Grand Warden Beaman, and Reps. Hazelton and McNoah.

On confirming Dispensations to organize Lodges by the executive committee, Reps. Packard, Flower and Hascall.

On the matter vs. Trenton Lodge, No. 33, and D. D. G. Masters Reports, Reps. Stacey, Walbridge and Scattergood.

On the Washington National Monument, Reps. De Mill, Goodwin and Provost.

On compilation of Laws, &c., P. G. Masters Kellogg and Follett, and G. Secretary Hyde.

The committee to whom was referred the protest of P. G. Rood, submitted the following Report, viz :

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan
I. O. of O. F.*

Your committee to whom was referred the Protest of P. G. G. F. Rood, of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, against the election of Bro. Lewis Hall as Rep. to this Grand Lodge; who was elected representative while N. G. of said Michigan Lodge, No. 1, as appears by the certificate of the Past Secretary of said Lodge, Report:

That the constitution of this Grand Lodge, sec. 2, clause 1, requires that Representatives to this G. L. shall be elected from among the *qualified Past Grand*, of subordinate Lodges.

Art. 4, Sec. 1, of the general laws, premises that all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence. Your committee are therefore of the opinion that Bro. Lewis Hall was Noble Grand of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, when elected Representative to this G. L.; that such election was illegal; and does not entitle him to a seat in this Grand Lodge, as Representative of Michigan Lodge, No. 1.

All which is respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. HOFFMAN,

C. JOSLIN,

Committee.

The adoption of the above Report, was warmly opposed by G. Rep. Treadway as a minority of the committee, and also by others present.

Rep. Joslin and P. G. M. Kellogg, called for a vote by yeas and nays, upon its adoption, which resulted as follows:

YEAS.—Past G. Masters Kellogg, and Follett, D. G. M. Hoffman, Grand Warden Beaman, G. Sec. Hyde, G. Treasurer Vernon, G. Guardian Cole, and Representatives, H. Joy, Kittredge, McNoah, Abbott, Pittman, Demill, Treadwell, Green, Way, Johnson, H. W. Griswold, W. H. Smith, Eddy, Nye, Jones, Miller, Joslin, Kingsbury, Strong, Robinson, Stacey, Blosser, Moore, French, Simmons, Walbridge, Henderson, Pease, Ayres, A. Palmer, Hazelton, Thomas, Talbot, Groendyke, Starkweather, Scatergood, Edwards, Atwood, Keyes, Pattison, J. S. Smith, Howland, Goodwin, and W. L. P. Little.—50.

NAYS.—Past G. M. Treadway, G. Chaplain Phelps, G. Marshall Stewart, G. Conductor Little, and Representatives, Thompson, Hascall, Flower, Knox, Fullington, Peek, Packard, and Provost, —12.

G. Rep. Follett, offered the following resolutions, to wit:

“That the committee on elections and returns, make immediate examination of the returns of subordinates, and report the names of all Representatives who were elected under like circumstances with P. G. Hall.

Rep. Joslin, moved that the above resolution be laid on the table, as he wanted time to offer a substitute—*Carried*.

The committee on the Grand Representatives report, submitted the following, viz:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Representatives to the G. L. of the U. S. beg leave to report: That they have examined the report, and recommend that it be recorded in the proceedings of this lodge, and printed with such proceedings. They would also recommend that that part of the report having reference to procuring regalia for the Grand Representatives, be referred to the Finance Committee.

Signed,	N. B. NYE,	} Committee.
	W. L. P. LITTLE,	
	H. D. WALBRIDGE,	

Rep. Smith of No. 38 moved to amend the above, by recommending that the entire report be spread upon our journals, and that all but that part relating to the work of the order be kept out of the printed proceedings.

Rep. Joslin moved as a substitute to Rep. Smith's motion, that the committee's report be amended by striking out that part relative to the printing—*Carried*.

On motion the committee's report as amended was then adopted.

Roll of Lodges called in their order, agreeably to number 10, order of business.

Jackson Lodge No. 4, sent in a communication which was referred to the committee on constitutions and by laws.

Rep. Noble and Stanford, of said Committee, being absent, the

Grand Master appointed Rep. Smith of No. 38, and Kingsbury to fill the vacancies.

Peninsular Lodge No. 5, submitted proposed amendments to their constitution and by laws, which were referred to the above committee.

Berrien Co. Lodge No. 6, presented question for decision, which was referred to committee on state of the order.

Adrian Lodge No. 8, presented a copy of their constitution and by laws, referred to appropriate committee.

Macomb Lodge No. 13, asked questions,—referred to committee on state of the order.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 14, do do do do

Cass Co. Lodge No. 21, presented amendments to by laws,—referred to app. com.

Constantine Lodge No. 22, do do do do

Battle Creek Lodge No. 29, presented copy of their constitution and by laws,—referred to appropriate committee.

Huron Lodge No. 30, asked question,—referred to committee on state of the order.

Trenton Lodge No. 33, presented amendments,—referred to committee on constitution and by laws.

Brooklyn Lodge No. 34, do do do do

Lodge of the Lakes No. 35, presented the following, which was, on motion, referred to a special committee, to wit:

“At the Installation of the officers of Lodge of the Lakes No. 35, in July last, the proper per centage was paid to P. G. Platt, who was specially deputized by G. M. Follett, for that purpose. Sometime after, the Lodge received a communication from the Grand Secretary, stating that the per centage for that term had not been paid. They would therefore, respectfully ask whether in justice they should look to P. G. Platt for the amount, or lose it themselves.

The Grand Master appointed as such special committee, Rep. Jones, Strong and Way.

Clinton Lodge No. 36 presented a copy of their constitution and by laws—referred to app. com.

They also asked question, which was properly referred.

Sturgis Prairie Lodge No. 37, presented a copy of their constitution and by laws—referred to app. com.

They also asked permission to have a public lecture in full regalia, at any time within the present term. *Granted.*

On motion a like permission was granted to all Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 38, asked a question—referred to com. on state of the order.

Union City Lodge No. 41, presented a copy of their constitution and by laws—referred to app. com.

Saginaw Lodge No. 42, presented a copy of their constitution and by laws, and also asked a question,—referred to appropriate committees.

Byron Lodge No. 43, presented a copy of their constitution and by laws,—referred to app. Com.

Sundry accounts against this G. L. were presented, and referred to the finance committee.

Rep. Movius being absent, the Grand Master appointed Rep. Pease, to fill his place on said finance committee.

On motion, P. G. M. Follett's resolution, as laid on the table, was taken up for consideration.

Rep. Joslin offered the following preamble and resolutions as a substitute for the foregoing resolution of P. G. M. Follett, which was on motion accepted and adopted, to wit:

Whereas, From the past action of this Lodge, some have been misled, and made to believe that a Noble Grand could be elected a Representative to this Lodge. And

Whereas, Several Representatives are now holding seats in this Lodge who were thus elected in good faith. And

Whereas, It might do injustice to some of the Lodges to reject their Representatives so elected,—*therefore*,

Resolved, That though not entitled to seats by technical legal right, the Representatives now elected, shall be permitted to hold their seats during this session of the G. L.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will not hereafter recognize any Brother as Representative from a subordinate lodge, who was at the time of his nomination and election, sitting Noble Grand—

unless he had previously passed that chair, and served one term as junior P. G.

A petition in due form, signed by brothers residing at Grand Haven, in Ottawa county, was presented, asking for a charter to organize a lodge at that place. On motion, their petition was referred to special committee, viz : Reps. Kingsbury, Watson and Simmons.

A like petition was presented, signed by Bros. residing at New Canandaigua, in the county of Oakland, and on motion referred to a special committee, viz : Reps. Thompson, Ayres and Robinson.

A similar petition was presented, signed by Bros. residing at Northville, in Wayne county, and on motion referred to a special committee, to wit : Reps. Hazelton, Atwood and Scattergood.

Rep. Hazelton, offered the following resolution, which was on motion, adopted, to wit :

Resolved, That the regular meetings of this Grand Lodge during its present session, be at 9 o'clock, A. M.—2 o'clock, P. M. and 7 o'clock, P. M. until otherwise ordered.

Rep. Pattison of O. B. Lodge No. 38, seconded by Rep. Joy of Mich. Lodge No. 1, presented the following amendment to the constitution, which will lie on the table six months, for action at the next July session, to wit : “ Amend article 2, sec. 1, clause 1, of Constitution, by striking out the words, ‘ Past Grand Masters in good standing in their respective subordinate lodges, in this state ;’ so that the clause will read, ‘ the members of this Grand Lodge shall be officers formally installed, and Past Grands who have been duly and regularly elected as Representatives of Lodges in conformity with this Constitution, who shall receive the Grand Lodge degree, before taking their seats as members.”

Rep. Walbridge offered the following resolution, which, after some debate was *not adopted*, to wit :

Resolved, That the permission granted by this G. L. at its last annual session, to Sylvania Lodge No. 120, of Lucas County, Ohio, authorizing them to initiate persons who reside in this state, but nearer to their Lodges than to Lodge in this state, be recalled.

The committee on appeals, submitted the following report, to wit:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan.

The committee to whom was referred an appeal from Sturgis Prairie Lodge No. 37, would report, that they have examined the proceedings thereon in said Lodge, and find that C. Adams applied the 1st of April, A. D. 1849, in open Lodge for a card of clearance, from said Lodge, which said card of clearance was duly granted, but the Lodge not having blanks at the time, his card was not made out. That charges were not preferred against said Adams, until the 21st of April 1849. Your committee would therefore recommend that the appeal from said Lodge be sustained, as said lodge had no jurisdiction over said Adams, he having duly withdrawn from said lodge before said charges were preferred.

Your committee would further report, that they have examined the charges preferred by Huron Lodge No. 30, against Byron Lodge No. 43, for initiating Sidney S. Derby, in violation of clause 4, of general law, and also the said Derby having been rejected by said Huron Lodge No. 30. We find by affidavits from the officers of Byron Lodge No. 43, that no notice has ever been received of the rejection of the said Derby, in Huron Lodge No. 30, by said Byron Lodge No. 43. They also find on reading the answer of said Byron Lodge, that the said Derby had for seven months previous to his application to Byron Lodge, been a resident of Byron, Shiawassee County, within the jurisdiction of said Byron Lodge. They would therefore recommend that the charges against Byron Lodge be dismissed.

Your committee would further report that they have examined the appeal taken by C. Shanahan from Cass County Lodge No. 21, in regard to his expulsion therefrom, and find the proceedings therein correct. They would therefore recommend that this appeal be also dismissed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ICHABOD COLE,
CHAS. D. LITTLE, } Committee.
A. TREADWAY, }

On motion the foregoing report was accepted.

Rep. Packard moved to strike out of said Report, so much as relates to Sturgis Prairie Lodge No. 37.

On motion, the Report and Rep. Packard's motion were laid on the table.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a Lodge at New Canandaigua submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the application of Bros. Uriah Beebee, Joseph Kingsland, Joseph A. Rowley, John Graves, W. W. Webb and E. R. Emmons, to be incorporated as a Lodge of Odd Fellows, to be known and hailed as "Orion Lodge, No.—" and to be located at New Canandaigua, in the county of Oakland, beg leave to report favorably on the application of said brethren, and recommend to the Grand Lodge the utility of organizing a Lodge at that place.

Respectfully submitted.

W. M. THOMPSON,	} Committee.
ASA B. AYRES,	
WM. S. ROBINSON,	

On motion, the foregoing report was accepted and adopted, and the number "47" was given them.

On motion the G. L. then adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

January 17, 1850, 2 P. M.

Grand Lodge called to order, quorum present.

The report of committee on appeals was, on motion, taken from the table, and the amendment thereto, as offered by Rep. Packard, was again under consideration. After much debate the proposed amendment was *lost*, and the report adopted.

The committee on constitutions and By-Laws submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Your committee on constitutions and By-Laws, would respectfully report, that in their opinion it is inexpedient to amend the constitution of this Grand Lodge, so as to give a D. D. G. Master to each Lodge, for the reason that such increase of D. D. G. Masters, would cause a greater diversity in the work of the order, than at present exists.

They have examined the By-Laws, &c., of *Adrian Lodge No. 8*, and find them correct, except sec. 3 of art. 10 of By-Laws, which.

provides for the fining Junior P. G's. in case of absence from the Lodge. The committee recommend that the words "*or Junior P. G.*" in the first line of sec. 3, of art. 10, be stricken out, and that the By-Laws as amended be approved by this G. L.

They have examined the By-Laws of *Trenton Lodge No. 33*, and find them correct except art. 2, sec. 2, clause 3, which provides for a funeral benefit as amended, of \$20.00. They recommend that "\$20.00" be stricken out, and "\$30.00" inserted, and the by-laws as amended be affirmed by this Grand Lodge.

They have examined the by-laws of *Clinton Lodge No. 36*, and find them correct, and recommend that they be approved by this Grand Lodge.

They have examined the by-laws of *Saginaw Lodge No. 42*, and find them correct, and recommend that they be approved by this Grand Lodge.

They have examined the by-laws of *Union City Lodge No. 41*, and find them correct, and recommend their approval by this Grand Lodge.

They have examined the by-laws of *Sturgis Prairie Lodge No. 37*, and finding them correct, would recommend their approval by this Grand Lodge.

They have examined the constitution and by-laws of *Battle Creek Lodge No. 29*, and find that they have not provided and fixed by law any benefits, but left each benefit to the vote of the Lodge. They would recommend that art. 6, sec. 1, of their by-laws be *not approved*, and that the Lodge be directed to amend their by-laws so as to fix the amount of benefit to be allowed to the member in case of sickness.

They have examined the by-laws of *Byron Lodge No. 43*, and finding them correct would recommend their approval.

They have examined the by-laws of *Peninsular Lodge No. 5*, and recommend that art. 1, sec. 1, be amended by striking out the words "at discretion or" in the third line. That art. 1, sec. 4, be amended by striking out, the word "nine" and inserting the word "five" in first line, and by striking out all after the word "quorum." That art. 1, sec. 5, be amended by striking out all after the word "regalia" in second line, and before the word—, in the third

line, and that the by-laws thus amended be approved by this Grand Lodge.

The request of *Brooklyn Lodge No. 34*, for leave to change their evening of meeting from Monday to Tuesday; the committee recommend be granted.

They would also recommend that *Constantine Lodge No. 22*, have leave to change their time of meeting from Thursday to Saturday evening.

They have examined the amendment to the by-laws of *Cass County Lodge No. 21*, and recommend that all of the first clause after the word "year" be stricken out and that the amendment with this amendment be approved.

Signed, C. A. STACEY,
 S. O. KINGSBURY, } Committee.
 ISAAC S. SMITH,

On motion the foregoing report was accepted.

Rep. De Mill, moved that so much of said report as referred to D. D. G. Masters, be laid on the table until the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that the balance of the report be adopted, *carried*.

Michigan Lodge No. 1, presented copy of amendments to their by-laws, which were referred to appropriate committee.

The committee on the petition for a Lodge at Grand Haven, submitted the following report, which was on motion accepted and adopted, and numbered "46," viz:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Michigan.

The committee on the application of James H. Ferry, Henry Pennoyer, C. B. Albee, E. W. Barnes, G. B. Woodburn, Dan Velsey, James Barnes, William Carr, John W. Barnes and John W. Hopkins, for a Lodge at Grand Haven, Ottawa County, being satisfied that a sufficient number of the petitioners have obtained the Scarlet Degree, we would most respectfully recommend that a Lodge be instituted at that place, to be called *Ottawa Lodge No.—*

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. O. KINGSBURY, }
WM. R. WATSON, } Committee.
J. H. SIMMONS,

Rep. Stacey of committee to whom was referred the reports of D. D. G. Masters, and the matter relative to Trenton Lodge No. 33, submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan.

The special committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the M. W. Grand Master, relative to Trenton Lodge No. 33 and also the reports of D. D. G. Masters, would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of D. D. G. Masters, and find nothing in them necessary to be acted upon by this Grand Lodge, except in regard to Trenton Lodge No. 33.

In regard to Trenton Lodge No. 33, they have examined the report of D. D. G. Master McNoah, and have been informed in regard to the facts by statements of D. D. G. M. McNoah, and the representatives of said Trenton Lodge. That from the facts before them, they have come to the conclusion that Trenton Lodge never had actual notice as a Lodge, of the decision of D. D. G. M. McNoah in the premises. That they were in possession of a letter from the late Grand Secretary W. J. Baxter, dated while in office under the seal of this Grand Lodge, stating that he knew of no law against the initiation of candidates residing in British North America.

That a portion of the officers of Trenton Lodge suppressed the communication of D. D. G. M. McNoah, for the purpose of procuring the initiations complained of. That in so doing those officers were guilty of insubordination and improper conduct, for which your committee believe the Lodge, as a Lodge is not responsible.

That the course adopted by D. D. G. M. McNoah has been proper, and evinces a laudable zeal for the good of the order, and to enforce a due obedience to our laws. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit :

Resolved, That the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, be directed not to initiate or receive as a member of any Lodge, any person residing out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the M. W. G. Master be directed to correspond with the M. W. G. Master of the Grand Lodge of British North America, in relation to the initiations in Trenton Lodge No. 33,

and adopt such measures in relation to the same as the good of the order may require.

Signed

C. A. STACEY,
J. SCATTERGOOD, } *Committee.*
H. D. WALBRIDGE. }

On motion the foregoing report and accompanying resolutions, were accepted and adopted.

Rep. De Mill of committee on the communication from Washington National Monument Society, submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter relating to the " Washington National Monument," have had the same under consideration ; and would recommend to this Grand Loge that circulars be addressed to the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, requesting them to contribute such sums as they may deem proper, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary of this Lodge on or before their next meeting in July.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. E. DEMILL,
F. J. PROVOST, } *Committee.*
W. G. GOODWIN, }

On motion the foregoing report was accepted and adopted.

Rep. Jones of committee on communication from Lodge of the Lakes No. 35, submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan.

The committee to whom was referred the matter between the Lodge of the Lakes No. 35, and this Grand Lodge most respectfully report that they have examined into the case, and are satisfied that said Lodge paid their proper per centage, (\$5,78) in July last, to James E. Platt who was legally authorized to receive it, and do not think said Lodge are bound in any way to pay the same again.

Signed,

F. E. JONES,
J. W. STRONG, JR. } *Committee.*
JAMES A. WAY, }

On motion the foregoing report was accepted and adopted.

In answer to an inquiry made by G. Rep. Treadway, the Grand Master read a communication he had received from Brother C. C. Jackson late a member of Oriental Lodge No. 19, D. C., and on

motion of G. Rep. Treadway, the Grand Master was required to transmit to the Grand Lodge of said District, a copy of said communication.

Rep. Stacey of committee on constitutions and by-laws, presented the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

Your committee on constitutions and by-laws would report that they have examined the amendments to the by-laws of Michigan Lodge No. 1, and would recommend that the amendment to art. 8 be approved.

The amendments to art. 14, a majority of the committee believe proper and recommend their approval. The minority of the committee doubt the right of a Lodge to compel by fine the attendance of the members of a Lodge on a funeral or special meeting without actual notice requiring such attendance.

C. A. STACEY,
ISAAC S. SMITH, } *Committee.*
S. O. KINGSBURY, }

After much debate the amendments from Lodge No. 1 and the above report, was on motion of Rep. Joslin, referred back to the same committee.

Rep. Hazelton of committee on petition for a Lodge at Northville, submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Hungerford, W. D. Whalen, R. McFarlan, Samuel Williams, E. Parker, A. Van Valkenburgh, L. R. Mosher, S. F. Arnsbury, A. L. Stevens and A. F. Bedford, formerly members of Tonquish Lodge No. 32, asking this Grand Lodge to grant them a charter for a Lodge at Northville in the county of Wayne, to be called Wah-bun-nung Lodge No.—, would respectfully report, that they have had the subject under consideration and would recommend that a charter be granted them for the following reasons.

1st. Tonquish Lodge numbers about seventy members after deducting the petitioners for a new Lodge, with an available fund on hand of about five hundred and fifty dollars.

2. The point at which the petitioners seek to establish a new Lodge, is distant from Tonquish Lodge about five miles, at the

village of Northville, containing several hundred inhabitants, with a densely settled country around it, and distant from any other Lodge of this order at least fifteen miles.

3. There being no objection on the part of Tonquish Lodge to the institution of a new Lodge as sought by the petitioners, and no constitutional objection to the same.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that a charter ought not to be withheld from said petitioners.

G. H. HAZELTON,
J. SCATTERGOOD, } *Committee.*
S. F. ATWOOD

On motion the foregoing report was accepted and adopted, and the Lodge is numbered 48.

Rep. Packard of committee on conferring dispensations for new lodges by the executive committee, submitted the following report :

To the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan, January Session :

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, having reference to the granting of dispensations to *Howell Lodge, No. 44*, and *Capitol Lodge No. 45*, would most respectfully report, that they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that the action of the executive committee in granting said dispensations be concurred in, and that charters be duly granted by this Grand Lodge to said lodges numbered 44 and 45.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

IRA F. PACKARD,
T. A. FLOWER, } *Committee.*
CHAS. HASCALL,

On motion the foregoing report was accepted and adopted.
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Rep. Joslin of committee on the state of the order submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Mich. I. O. O. F.

The committee on the state of the order report as follows :

That the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by substituting the following for sec. 2 art. 3, to wit :

"Sec. 2. The Grand Master, shall forward through the D. D. G. M. of each district, to be delivered to the several lodges on the night of installation, a term pass word, for each term."

That for the purpose of notifying an absent brother under charges, it shall be deemed a legal notice if such lodge shall under its seal, mail to said brother the usual notice, addressed to him, at his last known place of residence, at least two months before such brother can be put on trial.

Respecting the late difficulties in the state of New York, they would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That while we approve of the division of the New-York jurisdiction under the *painful circumstances*, we enter our protest against the division of state jurisdictions.

They would recommend that for the present, the manner of dividing this state into districts be left at the discretion of the Grand Master.

They would recommend that throughout this jurisdiction, the usual * * * * furniture shall be a plain black and white domino.

In answer to questions from subordinate lodges requiring decisions by this Grand Lodge they would report as follows :

First, To the following questions from Berrien County Lodge No. 6, viz :

1st. What is the meaning of the word "worthy" as applied to a member under sec. 2, art. 7, of by-laws of said lodge?—*answer*, to be clear of the books for fines and dues, and all charges, see art. 13 of Digest L. U. S. page 49.

2d. Does a written resignation recognize any action of the Lodge?—*Answer* No, if his dues and fines are paid, and no charges against him, it severs his connection.

3d. Is the fact of being in arrears for dues a cause for preferring charges?—*Answer* No, see general laws, sec. 3, clause 2.

4th. Is it competent for the lodge by vote to suspend the order of business, and resume a rule which has been declared passed? *Answer*, Yes, but the order as laid down must be gone through.

Second, To the following questions from Macomb Lodge No. 13.

1st. Can the odes be sung in public?—*Answer* No.

2nd. Is a brother who is in arrears thirteen weeks for dues and resides within three miles of the lodge entitled to benefits?—*Answer* No.

3d. At a stated meeting of a subordinate lodge, and in the absence of the N. G. has the V. G. officiating for him, the right to call a special meeting for the purpose of conferring degrees, and

has he at such meeting (the N. G. being absent,) the power to confer degrees?—*Answer* Yes.

Third, To the following questions from Tecumseh Lodge No. 14

1st. Is a brother entitled to a benefit after taking a withdrawal card, on the ground that the card was imperfect in its form?—*Answer* No.

2nd. Is a benefit which has accrued to a brother for sickness, forfeited by non payment of dues which have accrued since he was entitled to such benefit?—*Answer* No.

Fourth. In answer to question from Dexter Lodge No. 30.—Can a candidate withdraw his proposition after it has been reported upon by a committee?—*Answer* No, nor after it has been presented to the Lodge, nor can the lodge postpone the balloting by a vote, but may refer it back to the committee before balloting.

Fifth, To the following question from Clinton Lodge No. 36. Is a brother who is six months in arrears for dues entitled to a funeral benefit, on the death of his wife? *Answer* No.

Sixth, To the following question from Olive Branch Lodge No. 38. Has any subordinate lodge a right to allow any of its officers to omit any of the charges in opening or closing lodges?—*Answer* No.

Seventh, To the following question from Saginaw Lodge No. 42, Is the Inside Guardian obliged to report the name of a brother who announces himself at the inside door during lodge hours, to the N. G. of the lodge, unless the N. G. of the lodge, has put the door in charge of the V. G.?—*Answer* He is.

See Installation charge to inside guardian.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHAUNCY JOSLIN,
W. HUNTINGTON SMITH, } *Committee.*
DANIEL S. GREEN,

On motion the foregoing report was accepted.

On motion it was agreed that each answer to questions from subordinate lodges in the foregoing report should be seperately considered. The report was then read again, and each item being adopted, it was on motion adopted entire.

Rep. Hazelton moved to reconsider the vote adopting answer to question from lodge No. 14—Lost.

It being announced that P. G. Turner of Howell Lodge No. 44,

was in waiting for the P. O. and G. L. degrees, he was accordingly duly received and instructed.

Rep. Stacy of committee on constitutions and by-laws, submitted the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan.

The committee on constitutions and by-laws would respectfully recommend the approval by this Grand Lodge of the amendments adopted by Michigan Lodge No. 1, to article 8, of their by-laws.

They would further report that in their opinion the amendments to article 14, (fixing a fine for non attendance at funerals,) are of at least doubtful constitutionality and expediency ; they therefore recommend that said amendments to article 14 be rejected.

Signed,

C. A. STACY,
ISAAC S. SMITH, } Committee.
S. O. KINGSBURY,

On motion the foregoing report was accepted and adopted.

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On motion the vote adopting the report of the R. W. Grand Representatives was reconsidered.

Rep. De Mill, moved that said G. Rep's. report be adopted, spread upon the minutes, and printed with the proceedings of this session—*Carried*

Rep. Joslin offered the following preamble and resolutions which were on motion adopted to wit :

Whereas, It has been reported to this Grand Lodge that Unadilla Lodge No. 40 has admitted into their lodge a member of the Manchester Unity, contrary to the laws of the order, therefore,

Resolved, That Unadilla Lodge No. 40, be directed to report to this Grand Lodge at its next session, whether it has admitted or initiated an individual into their lodge who was at the time of his admission, or ever had been a member of the Manchester Unity.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary forward to Unadilla Lodge No. 40, a copy of these resolutions under the seal of the lodge.

Rep. De Mill of Lodge No. 4, seconded by Reps. Keyes of Lodge No. 36, and Samuel J. Henderson of Lodge No. 20 proposed the following amendment to the constitution of this Grand Lodge, which by the rules will lay over six months for action at the session in July next, to wit :

To amend Art. 3, Sec. 1, clause 2, strike out "District" in 5th line and insert "Subordinate Lodge."

Art. 3, Sec. 2, Clause 11, strike out said clause and insert as follows:

"Clause 11, The worthy District Deputy Grand Master shall be the organ of the Grand Master in their respective subordinate lodges, each shall have power to grant dispensations to his own lodge for conferring degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted when circumstances require it; and it shall be their duty to see that the work of the order is performed correctly, to install the officers in their several lodges or cause it to be done by a qualified Past Grand, unless the same shall be done by the Grand Master in person, they shall see that their several lodges respectively forward to the Grand Secretary the reports required by the Grand Lodge in due time, and any District Deputy Grand Master shall at the request of the Grand Master proceed to institute new lodges and install the officers. They shall report semi-annually to the Grand Master in writing. The Grand Master shall lay their reports before the Grand Lodge, at the next regular meeting."

Art. 5, Sec. 1, Clause 1, strike out in 6th line after the word "or" the word "the" and insert "a" also in 7th line the words "*of the district in which it may be located,*" also strike out 3d section.

On motion of Rep. Henderson, it was

Resolved, That Albion Lodge No. 20, having used an imperfect seal since its organization, and having taken steps to procure a perfect one, this Grand Lodge concurs therein; Albion Lodge placing in the hands of the Grand Secretary an impressoin of the same.

Rep. Cole offered the following:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to procure 20 sets of P. G's regalia for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that a sum sufficient to procure the same be appropriated from its funds.

Rep. Smith of 33 moved to amend by striking out 20 and inserting 50 before the word "sets," *carried*.

Rep. Joslin, moved to amend by striking out the word "instructed," and insert the words "authorized at their discretion," *carried.*

Rep. Smith of 38, moved to amend by adding to the resolution the words, "providing they do not cost more than \$2,00 per set," *carried.*

On motion the resolution as amended, was then adopted.

Rep. Pease of the Finance Committee, submitted the following report, which was on motion, accepted, to wit :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Finance to whom was referred the Grand Treasurer's Report, together with sundry bills against this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's Account and the vouchers submitted therewith, and find it correct.

The financial condition of this Grand Lodge is as follows, viz :

Balance in the Treasury, Jan. 17, 1850,	\$107	76
Amount in hands of the Grand Secretary, about	450	00
Amounting to	\$557	76
Add to this sum the amount loaned to D. G. Sire Kellogg,	800	00
Interest on same to 30th Janury, (6 months,)	34	00
Making now on hand the sum of	\$1391	76

Your committee would here remark that under and by virtue of a resolution of this Grand Lodge, adopted at the last session, and found on page 391 of the published proceedings thereof, a loan of \$800,00 of the funds of this Lodge, was made on the 30th of July last, to D. G. Sire A. S. Kellogg, "for one year at an interest of 8 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. In addition to the individual promisory note of said Kellogg, the committee received as security for the payment of said loan, the stock certificates of the Odd Fellow's Hall association to said amount, which are properly endorsed, and are now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

Your committee have examined the following bills against the Grand Lodge, and have come to the conclusion to report in favor of allowing the same as follows, to wit :

To L. H. Stewart,	D. D. G. M.	\$7 00
" P. McNoah,	do	9 75
" N. B. Nye,	do	18 25
" A. T. Grændyke,	do	12 00
" J. M. Treadwell,	do	4 00
" W. C. Pease,	do	5 50
" C. F. Mallary,	do	2 75
" Chs. D. Little,	do	18 00
" A. C. Baldwin,	do	6 44
" J. Parsons,	do	4 13
" G. F. Rood & Co., for Stationary,		16 75
" Thos. Frazer, for filling in charters,		10 00
" C. W. Hunt, attendance on G. L. &c.,		8 56
" Right Worthy Grand Lodge of U. S.		43 00

Total, \$166 13

The committee have had under consideration the matter in relation to the purchase of Regalia and recommend that two sets be purchased for the use of Grand Representatives, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to make such purchase and be authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

But in regard to the purchase of 25 sets of D. D. G. Master's Regalia, your committee deem it impolitic at this time to subject this Grand Lodge to so great an expense, in view of the present condition of its financial concerns. It will be seen by the following estimate of the expenses and disbursements, which will necessarily and immediately follow this session, that the funds now on hand will be entirely exhausted, and the Treasury left empty before the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Deducting the \$834,00 out on loan, leaves in the Treasury immediately available, \$557,76.

Amount of accounts audited,	\$166 13
Estimated cost of 2 sets G. Rep's Regalia,	40 00
Estimated expenses of the Grand Officers attending this session,	57 66
Estimated Printing expenses,	200 00
Rent of Hall,	55 00

Total, \$518 79

Leaves a balance for contingent expenses of \$38 97

In passing upon the accounts of D. D. G. Masters, your committee have felt called upon, in two or three instances to reduce the amounts, and in doing so they have endeavored to act impartially and do what seemed to them right between these officers and the Lodge. In the matter of the account of D. D. G. M. De Mill, for services, your committee understand that the same account was before this Grand Lodge, at its session in July last, and was allowed to the amount which the Lodge then considered him entitled. Under such circumstances your committee report adversely to its allowance.

All which is respectfully submitted.

W. C. PEASE,
W. E. KITTRIDGE, } Committee.
AUG. THOMAS.

G. Rep. Treadway, moved to amend the foregoing report, by allowing Rep. De Mill his account for \$2,00, *carried*.

G. Rep. Smith of 33, moved to amend by allowing D. D. G. M. McNoah, the full amount of his bill, *carried*.

G. Rep. Treadway, moved to re-refer the above report, and the accompanying accounts to the Finance Committee, with instructions for them to allow the accounts of D. D. G. Masters as presented by them, at their full amount.

Rep. Joslin, moved to lay the whole matter upon the table.

Pending which, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

Thursday, Jan. 17, 1859, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge called to order ; quorum present.

Rep. Joslin's motion to lay the report of the Finance Committee on the table, was put and *lost*.

G. Rep. Treadway's motion to re-refer the same, was adopted.

An account of P. D. G. M. Griswold for compiling a Digest of decisions in this Grand Lodge, and indexing its printed proceedings was received, and on motion referred to a special committee. The Grand Master named as such committee, Reps. Joslin, Stacey, and De Mill.

G. Rep. Treadway offered the following resolution, viz.

Resolved, That hereafter all bills presented by D. D. G. Masters for installing officers of subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction,

shall specify the several items composing their bills, duly attested by said D. D. G. Masters under their respective signatures.

Rep. Smith of 38, offered the following as a substitute to the above, viz:

Resolved, That D. D. G. Masters be allowed for their services as officers of this Lodge, the same rates as the Grand Officers receive for attending the sessions of this Grand Lodge, to wit: 7 cts. per mile travel fee one way, and \$1.25 per day.

Rep. Smith's motion was *rejected*, and the resolution offered by Grand Rep. Treadway was on motion *adopted*.

On motion the Grand Lodge took a recess for 30 minutes, to enable Olive Branch Lodge No. 38 to organize and adjourn, this being their regular night of meeting.

Grand Lodge called to order.

Rep. Nye offered the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That all Lodges in this jurisdiction be hereafter required to pay postage on communications sent by them to other Lodges, announcing rejections, suspensions and expulsions.

Rep. W. L. P. Little, moved to amend, by requiring subordinate Lodges, to pay postage on all communications by them to the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge to pay postage on all communications from them to subordinate Lodges, *carried*. And the original resolution as amended was on motion *adopted*.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan.

The report of the finance committee having been re-referred, with instructions to so amend the same, as to give each of the D. D. G. Masters the full amount of his bill, said committee now report that they have carried out said instructions, and allowed as follows, to wit:

To	D. D. G. M.	L. H. Stewart,	\$11 00
"	do	P. McNoah,	11 25
"	do	N. B. Nye,	18 25
"	do	A. T. Grøndyke,	15 25
"	do	P. E. De Mill,	2 00
"	do	J. M. Treadwell,	6 00

To	do	W. C. Pease,	5 50
"	do	C. F. Mallery,	2 75
"	do	C. D. Little,	18 00
"	do	A. C. Baldwin,	6 44
"	do	J. Parsons,	4 13
Total,			\$100 57

By allowing these accounts as above named we reduce the amount as estimated for contingent expenses, to the sum of \$26,22.

All which the committee submit, and respectfully ask to be discharged.

W. C. PEASE,
AUGUSTUS THOMAS, } Committee.
WM. E. KITTREDGE,

A motion to lay on the table so much of the original report as refers to the purchase of regalia for D. D. G. Masters, was put and *lost*.

On motion the original report of the finance committee, as above amended was adopted.

Rep. Joslin of committee to whom was referred the claim of P. D. G. M. Griswold, presented the following report :

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Michigan.

The committee to whom was referred the bill of P. G. Geo. R. Griswold, recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to wit :

Resolved, That there be appropriated the further sum of seventy-five dollars, (\$25,00 having been already paid him) towards paying P. G. Geo. R. Griswold for compilation of laws, and that the committee thereon, report at the next session of the G. L. what further compensation shall be due to said Griswold for said service.

C. JOSLIN,
C. A. STACY, } Committee.
P. E. DE MILL,

On motion the foregoing report and resolution were adopted,

The committee on returns and members submitted a report of which the following is a summary, to wit ;

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

Reports have been received from 44 lodges, by which we learn that during the term ending the 31st of December 1849, there have been within this jurisdiction, 321 initiations; 46 admissions by card; 115 suspensions; 9 expulsions; 5 reinstations; 81 rejections; 18 deaths; and 85 withdrawals by card. There are 241 Past Grands in good standing, and the dues to this Grand Lodge for said term, as reported, amounts to \$400,17—all of which is paid.

(For the report in full, see appendix to this session's printed proceedings.)

ARTHUR EDWARDS, }
J. E. HYDE, } *Committee.*

On motion the above mentioned report was accepted and adopted.

Dep. G. M. Hoffman offered the following resolution, which was on motion of Rep. Stacy referred to the executive committee, with instructions to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, to wit:

Resolved, That a withdrawal card recalled or annulled for cause shewn, renders a brother receiving it, liable to be arraigned and tried by the lodge granting such card, upon charges duly preferred.

G. Rep. Follett moved to take from the table, the motion to increase the salary of the Grand Secretary, as laid there at the last session—*Carried*.

On motion said original resolution to increase said salary by adding \$50,00 per year to the present amount, was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then listened to instructions in the work of the order, as given by Dep. Grand Sire, A. S. Kellogg, assisted by G. Reps. Treadway and Follett.

Rep. Smith of 38, moved that the representatives present be instructed to give the work of the order to their lodges, as they have this evening seen it explained by the Dep. Grand Sire.

Rep. Pease moved to amend by making these instructions subject to control and direction of the D. D. G. Masters—*Carried*, and the motion of Rep. Smith as amended was *adopted*.

Rep. Hazelton, of Lodge No. 24 asked the following question, viz : providing an application be made by a brother of this order for membership by a deposite of his card, and duly rejected, is he entitled to a return of his card.

On motion the Grand Lodge answered this question in the affirmative.

G. Rep. Follett, on the part of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia, presented to this Grand Lodge, a handsomely bound copy of the printed proceedings of said G. L. of Georgia.

On motion it was ordered that the thanks of this G. L. be tendered therefor, and that a copy of our proceedings be sent them in exchange, when completed and bound.

On motion of Rep. Nye, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby tendered to our R. W. G. Reps. Treadway and Follett, for the faithful, able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties, and to Dep. G. Sire Kellogg for his instructions to us in the work of the order.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Secretary, and P. G. M. Kellogg, be a committee to superintend the printing of this session's proceedings.

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On motion of Rep. Stacy, it was

Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last July session, dividing District No. 3, be rescinded.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned *sine die*.

J. E. HYDE, *Grand Secretary*.

**GRAND LODGE of I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan,
In Account with B. VERNOR, G. Treasurer.**

Dr.

1849.	July	20	To paid Warrant No. 2, A. T. Gröndyke,	4 75
		20	do do 3, P. E. De Mill,	3 00
		20	do do 4, Chas. D. Little,	10 25
		20	do do 6, Garra B. Noble,	3 00
		20	do do 7, L. H. Stewart,	5 00
		20	do do 9, Munger & Pattison,	10 00
		20	do do 10, Thomas Frazer,	10 00
		20	do do 11, Stevens & Zug,	1 75
		20	do do 12, G. F. Kood & Co,	7 25
		20	do do 13, Grand Lodge U. S.	145 00
		20	do do 14, Grand Lodge U. S.	40 00
		20	do do 15, B. Follett,	4 60
	August	17	do do 17, Odd Fellow's Hall Association,	27 50
		17	do do 18, Munger & Pattison,	84 56
		17	do do 19, Insuring Regalia,	3 00
		22	do do 21, A. Treadway,	100 00
		30	do do 21, B. Follett,	100 00
	November	1	do do 22, Odd Fellow's Hall Association,	27 50
	December	19	do do 5, W. M. Thompson,	8 50
		19	do do 16, A. Treadway,	4 25
		19	do do 63, A. Treadway,	4 25
		19	do do 24, A. S. Kellogg,	800 00
		19	do do 25, Munger & Pattison,	7 00
	January	17	Balance down,	167 76
				<u>1518 92</u>

Cr.

1849.	July	13	By Amount Received of M. M. Williams late G. Treas'r,	1132 00
		20	" " " " Grand Secretary,	291 32
	September	3	" " " " " "	95 60
				<u>1518 92</u>
				<u>107 76</u>

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN.

Your Committee would respectfully Report the following as the result of their examination of the Semi-Annual Reports of the various Subordinate Lodges for the term ending January 1, 1859.

Name and No of Lodges.	Initiations.	Admitted by Card	Suspended.	Expelled.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Deaths.	Withdrawals.	No. of P. Gs.	Dues to G. L.	Paid or not.	Other Charges.	Paid or not.	Remarks.
Michigan.....	17	3				3	3	1	196	21 00	Paid.			Correct Report.
Wayne.....	13	1				3	3	5	213	13 19 47	"			No N. G.'s Signature.
Pontiac.....	30	1	1		1	1	3	4	87	10 18 18	"			Correct Report.
Jacks.....	4					1	1	3	119	13 11 19	"	75	Paid	Do
Franklin.....	5	3	3			1	1	3	67	10 10 10	"			Do
Berlin.....	6	4				1	1	3	110	13 14 23	"			Excess on dues W. & O. Fund.
Kalamazoo.....	7	1				1	1	4	8	13 5 83	"			No seal or signatures.
Adrian.....	8	1	14			1	1	6	115	9 15 88	"			Correct Report.
Wyandott.....	9	1	11	2	1	1	3	1	100	7 13 85	"			Do
Irving.....	11	3	11			1	1	1	84	9 5 39	"			Do
Wayne at home.....	10	1	1			1	1	4	38	11 4 41	"			No seal to report.
Mac.....	12	1				1	1	5	72	7 7 76	"			Report correct.
Teetmuh.....	13	1				1	1	5	8	6 68	"	1 50		No seal to report. & p. c. paid on W. & O. F.
Prairie.....	14	1	3	4		1	1	5	31	3 2 63	"	2 63		Report correct.
Fayette.....	15	1	1			1	1	3	37	5 1 49	"	75	Paid	Do
Hillad.....	17	1				1	1	2	6	5 8 54	"			Do
Paw Paw.....	18	1				1	1	4	5	2 14	"	4 50	Paid	Do
Monroe.....	19	1	13			3	3	1	79	5 13 46	"			Do
Albion.....	20	2				2	2	1	30	5 4 97	"			Do
Case.....	21	9	5			2	1	1	64	6 9 08	"	1 50	Paid	No seal to report.
Constantine.....	22	1				1	1	1	52	6 10 93	"	2 95		Report correct.
London.....	23	6				1	1	1	95	5 13 84	"			Do
Genesee.....	24	11				1	1	2	53	7 53	"			Do
Birmingham.....	25	8	1			1	1	3	37	4 74	"			Do
Bradson.....	26	1	6	1		2	1	1	3	3 85	"	50		Do
Madia River.....	27	1	9			1	1	5	1		"			Do

OFFICERS OF LODGES IN MICHIGAN.

GRAND LODGE.

FROM JULY 19, 1849, FOR ONE YEAR.

JOHN CHESTER,	M. W. G. Master.
GEORGE W. HOFFMAN,	R. W. D. G. Master.
F. C. BEAMAN,	R. W. G. Warden.
JOSEPH E. HYDE,	R. W. G. Secretary.
BENJAMIN VERNOR,	R. W. G. Treasurer.
WILLIAM PHELPS,	R. W. G. Chaplain.
ALFRED TREDWAY, }	{ R. W. G. Representatives to
BENJAMIN FOLLETT, }	{ G. L. of U. S.
LEONARD H. STEWART,	W. G. Marshall.
CHAS. D. LITTLE,	W. G. Conductor,
ICHABOD COLE,	W. G. Guardian.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

FOR TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, AND ENDING JULY 31, 1850.

Michigan Lodge No. 1.

David O. Lum, N. G.	James G. Crane, Secretary.
John D. Fairbanks, V. G.	Caleb Ives, Treasurer.

Wayne Lodge No. 2.

Chas. Livingston Dibble, N. G.	James McKinley, Secretary.
Luther B. Willard, V. G.	William Davis, Treasurer.

Pontiac Lodge No. 3.

O. D. Richardson, N. G.	N. J. Smith, Secretary.
Pierce Patrick, V. G.	Alvin C. High Treasurer.

Jackson Lodge No. 4.

John W. Hulin, N. G.	Isaiah M. Harwood, Secretary.
Walter R. Williams, V. G.	Linus Collamer, Treasurer.

Peninsula Lodge No. 5.

George Johnson, N. G.	Preston Mitchell, Secretary.
W. J. Powell, V. G.	Chas. D. Wilcox, Treasurer.

Berrien Co. Lodge No. 6.

Robert Wilson, N. G.	Harvey Palmer, Secretary.
James Brown, V. G.	Benjamin F. Fish, Treasurer.

Kalamazoo Lodge No. 7.

Amos Brownson, N. G.	John C. White, Secretary.
Samuel P. Cobb, V. G.	D. W. Metcalf, Treasurer.

Adrian Lodge No. 8.

Wm. J. Carroll, N. G.	E. Vandegriff, Secretary.
F. R. Stebbins, V. G.	O. M. Rood, Treasurer.

Washtenaw Lodge No. 9.

John W. Cromwell, N. G.	Edw. Leavensworth, Secretary.
Lorin B. Simmons, V. G.	Wm. A. Hatch, Treasurer.

Wyandotte Lodge No. 10.

Charles King, N. G.	Parmenio Davis, Secretary.
Marvin A. Parks, V. G.	John Ferrier, Treasurer.

Irving Lodge No. 11.

Robert M. Collins, N. G.	James D. Lyon, Secretary.
Edward S. March, V. G.	Ebenezer Anderson, Treasurer.

Wa-we-a-to-nong Lodge No. 12.

James E. Pittman, N. G.	M. P. Hutchins, Secretary.
Geo. Samuel Rice, V. G.	Benjamin Vernor, Treasurer.

Macomb Lodge No. 13.

Wm. Harrison Warner, N. G.	N. S. Harvey, Secretary.
Geo. C. Fletcher, V. G.	J. E. Van Eps, Treasurer.

Tecumseh Lodge No. 14.

Thomas Cummings, N. G.	Henry Taylor, Secretary.
John McConnell, V. G.	Ira Pennock, Treasurer.

Prairie Ronde Lodge No. 15.

M. N. Duncan, N. G.	Frederick Dale Secretary.
Isaiah W. Pursel, V. G.	Charles Felt, Treasurer.

Fayette Lodge No. 16.

Richard S. Varnum, N. G.	James S. Hastings, Secretary.
Carlton North, V. G.	E. O. Grosvenor, Treasurer.

Hillsdale Lodge No. 17.

John L. Corning, N. G.	John S. Barber, Secretary.
H. Johnson, Jr. V. G.	M. Buchanan, Treasurer.

Paw Paw Lodge No. 18.

S. H. Blackmer, N. G.	S. T. Conway, Secretary.
Elisha Durkee, V. G.	Emory O. Briggs, Treasurer.

Monroe Lodge No. 19.

Joseph C. Cole, N. G.	Chas. R. Taylor, Secretary.
Walter W. Prentice, V. G.	Frazey M. Winans, Treasurer.

Albion Lodge No. 20.

Albert Severance, N. G.	L. L. Southworth, Secretary.
Linus De Puy, V. G.	John E. Wild, Treasurer.

Cass Co. Lodge No. 21.

Geo. B. Turner, N. G.	Andrew Woods, Secretary.
Henry Tietsort, V. G.	Cornelius B. Tietsort, Treasurer.

Constantine Lodge No. 22.

Thomas Mitchell, N. G.	C. V. Ryland, Secretary.
Lemuel C. Laird, V. G.	Henry Levison, Treasurer.

Romeo Lodge No. 23.

Albert E. Lecte, N. G.	Charles Smith, Secretary.
Henry Harworth, V. G.	Joseph Ayres, Treasurer.

Genesee Lodge No. 24.

Leonard Wesson, N. G.	Charles Raleigh, Secretary.
Perkins H. Green, V. G.	Artemas Thayer, Treasurer.

Birmingham Lodge No. 25.

William S. Jenks, N. G.	James Fitzpatrick, Secretary.
Ebenezer Raynale, V. G.	Denison R. Tucker, Treasurer.

Hudson Lodge No. 26.

B. H. Lane, N. G.	L. G. Hall, Secretary.
J. M. Johnson, V. G.	R. H. Armstrong, Treasurer.

Raisin River Lodge No. 27.

P. J. Wheeler, N. G.	G. W. Doty, Secretary.
J. W. Hill, V. G.	S. H. Perkins, Secretary.

St. Joseph Co. Lodge 28.

S. D. Richardson, N. G.	James McKee, Secretary.
Erastus Pardee, V. G.	Samuel W. Platt, Treasurer.

Battle Creek Lodge No. 29.

Franklin S. Clark, N. G.	John S. Adams, Secretary.
Stephen Gilbert V. G.	David Lewis, Treasurer.

Huron Lodge No. 30.

James McMahon, N. G.	Hiram Burnham, Secretary.
Alex. D. Crane, V. G.	Samuel W. Murdock, Treasurer.

Coldwater Lodge No. 31.

Henry Lockwood, N. G.	H. M. Wright, Secretary.
Clinton B. Fisk, V. G.	L. F. Hale, Treasurer.

Tonquish Lodge No. 32.

Thomas P. May, Jr. N. G.	Joseph T. Wilder, Secretary.
Henry Fralick, V. G.	Peter Fralick, Treasurer.

Trenton Lodge No. 33.

Thomas Lewis, N. G.	P. E. Saunders, Secretary.
James J. David, V. G.	Alvah C. Bovee, Treasurer.

Brooklyn Lodge No. 34.

C. W. Ladd, N. G.	Herman Lester, Secretary.
A. R. Stanley, V. G.	David Ingersoll, Treasurer.

Lodge of the Lakes No. 35.

Samuel G. Southerland, N. G.	Thomas Edwards, Secretary.
John R. Wilcoxson, V. G.	Jeremiah Peek, Treasurer.

Clinton Lodge No. 36.

Othuiel Hall, N. G.	Danforth Keyes, Secretary.
Rulandus B. Royall, V. G.	Benjamin K. Felton, Treasurer.

Sturgis Prairie Lodge No. 37.

Jonathan G. Wait, N. G.	Benjamin C. Buck, Secretary.
Gershon B. Day, V. G.	Addison T. Drake, Treasurer.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 38.

Thomas H. Armstrong, N. G. E. M. Cobb, Secretary.
William Walker, V. G. E. P. Worden, Treasurer.

Milford Lodge No. 39.

Chas. D. Childs, N. G. Philip Wells, Secretary.
Sardis F. Hubbell, V. G. John L. Andrews, Treasurer.

Unadilla Lodge No. 40.

James P. Foster, N. G. O. D. Chapman, Secretary.
D. R. Glenn, V. G. S. L. Bignall, Treasurer.

Union City Lodge No. 41.

Melvin L. Young, N. G. A. O. Church, Secretary.
John B. Tucker, V. G. C. D. Leach, Treasurer.

Saginaw Lodge No. 42.

Isaiah Bookstaver, N. G. J. G. Southerland, Secretary.
A. F. Williams, V. G. Peter Lane, Treasurer.

Byron Lodge No. 43.

B. W. Dennis, N. G. J. M. Vanalstine, Secretary.
Geo. C. Holmes, V. G. J. R. Middlesworth, Treasurer.

Howell Lodge No. 44.

Lauren K. Hewitt, N. G. E. E. Hazard, Secretary.
Lemuel Spooner, V. G. James Malloy, Treasurer.

*Capitol Lodge No. 45—Instituted January 1850.**Ottawa Lodge No. 46.***Orion Lodge No. 47.***Wa-bun-nung Lodge No. 48.**

* Chartered, January 17, 1850. Not yet instituted.

Jan. 23, 1850.

A LIST OF THE MEMBERS

OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,

In the State of Michigan, in good standing, Dec. 31, 1849.

MICHIGAN LODGE No. 1.

Past Grands.—Hartford Joy, A. S. Kellogg, B. G. Stimpson, John Chester, James A. Vandyke, Gilbert F. Rood, Morgan L. Gage, Gurdon Williams, Charles A. Trowbridge, William Phelps, William E. Kittridge, Lewis Hall.—10.

Scarlet Degree.—H. R. Andrews, John Atchinson, E. Benham, Henry J. Buckley, William H. Barse, Charles Byram, George C. Bates, P. Babilion, Charles G. Blindbury, Christian Best, Benjamin Briscoe, Frederick C. Clark, James G. Crane, William Cole, Matthew Chapple, George Doty, George Davie, F. H. De Wolf, Frederick Denecke, James Fisher, J. D. Fairbanks, Charles H. Ford, Hugh Gray, John George, George Gibbs, John R. Grout, J. Godfrey, William Gray, Nicholas Greusel, Jr., James A. Hicks, Richard H. Hall, Francis Hall, Charles Howard, J. G. Hill, Chas. A. Hedges, Caleb Ives, H. R. Johnson, Hiram Joy, T. Kunze, George Kunze, J. W. Kelsey, Walter Kittridge, Edward Lyon, Lewis Larrimer, William H. Lum, David O. Lum, S. B. Morse, Charles R. Morse, B. B. Moore, James H. Mullett, A. Marsh, J. R. Nelson, John Owen, George W. Pratt, Samuel Praigg, Frank Puget, John Robinson, R. E. Roberts, J. Raymond, Geo. H. Richardson, James Shearer, Dean Swift, William M. Snow, G. T. Sheldon, Charles Talmage, Pierre Teller, M. E. Van Buren, H. G. Vorse, J. H. Van Schoick, G. M. Williams, S. G. Wight, A. A. Wilder, A. S. Williams, William J. Welles, E. B. Whipple, S. P. Wilcox, H. H. Wright, E. B. Ward, H. U. Williams.—79.

Green Degree.—Morgan Bates.—1.

Blue Degree.—George H. Bailey, James S. Childs, Wellington Davis, Bernhard Fair, William Gooding, Adam Hursh, J. Sibberman. Henry Wilson, Joseph Watz.—9.

Pink Degree.—E. Ferguson, Andrew Harvie, William Hibner, O. M. Hyde, John Hopkins, George W. Latamer, James Lowrie, John V. Reuhle, Andrew Stewart, Richard Van Allen, John Wietzel, O. F. Wood.—12.

White Degree.—S. Bouchard, Wardwell Green, Abraham McHose, Edwin A. Wales.—4.

Initiatory.—William P. Alexander, J. A. Armstrong, William Burnell, Thomas C. Brush, Morris Bradley, Thomas Baxter, E. Bloomer, William G. Bond, F. Crewell, Eli Choate, Justus W. Clark, C. H. Cook, William Caverly, William Champ, Edward Dowling, J. W. Davis, W. W. Dean, A. R. Dufrane, W. K. Edmonds, R. G. Evans, James Frazer, George S. Granger, Ichabod Goodrich, William Gray, William A. Hopkins, H. F. Hoag, Horace Hoadley, Charles Hunt, William Harsha, Thomas Hall, Luke Hoagland, George W. Hooper, James Hammond, John Hopkins, John Igoe, James Jack, Jeremiah Jamison, Isaac Kellum, Nicholas Kern, Frederick Kock, James L. Lyell, Godfried Leifer, James P. McKinstry, W. McKellops, H. Morrison, C. McManiman, Hugh Moffat, S. Mendelbaum, James M. Moores, William Prusser, Adam Plantz, Ira Potter, John Parker, A. C. Powell, S. P. Pulen, W. Purcell, Ezra Rood, Frederick Reuhle, David Ruggles, Peter Snyder, George Schwench, Daniel Story, John Shook, John Slawson, William F. Smith, J. W. Searles, Carter N. Stevenson, John Senter, John Slater, John Trask, William Tate, H. S. Tyler, Andrew Taylor, John Wells, William Watson, M. H. Webster, Eber Ward.—77. Total, 192.

WAYNE LODGE No. 2.

Past Grands.—George R. Griswold, H. D. Garrison, F. Woodbridge L. B. Taft, J. N. Elbert, C. W. Jackson, Benjamin Keeney, T. F. Abbott, P. M. McNoah, John Patton, S. Reeve, Eugene Laible.—12.

Scarlet Degree.—Major U. Arnold, Samuel Bentley, C. Butler, C. H. Buhl, H. A. Barstow, William Bond, E. W. Blinn, H. D. Carpenter, William Clay, O. F. Cargill, M. C. Churchill, G. M. Cooper, H. P. Dequindre, E. Eldred E. A. Franks, William Hall, A. J. Hall, William Hamilton, G. Kimball, C. F. Knowlton S. McKnight, J. C. Noble, W. P. Patrick, Charles Peltier, C. C.

Royce, H. M. Robinson, H. J. Spalding, L. Stanton, W. F. Stevens, Anthony Ten Eyck, L. W. Tinker, G. Wheaton, T. L. Wendell, J. J. Warren, M. W. Warner, W. G. Porter, A. K. Howard, V. K. Roth, John Campbell, Henry Tobias, William Davis, William Henderson, L. B. Willard, M. P. Stewart, T. Williams, William H. Conklin, J. C. Wood, Charles L. Dibble, M. Salter, John Moore, L. L. Tiffany, J. L. F. Langley, W. J. Lester, William Curtis, G. H. Shearer, H. Schritcker, William Hunt, Henry Skerritt, R. P. McDowell, Richard Starkey, John Lovett, James McKimly, William Cook, William Soles, B. Adams, V. W. Bullock, A. E. Esdell, D. M. Hanscom, Titus Doan, A. J. Allen, H. Conner, A. A. Fish, William Ryan, G. R. Walker, J. G. Von Meter, G. Finster, Joseph Hansen, Joseph Stowe, O. Whitney, A. C. Davis, N. Marsh, S. H. Carpenter, William Gibbons, J. Dimmick, J. Rooney, C. Kruger, E. Brown, M. S. Colton, Levi Dings, John Sharp, James Reid, Thomas Adams, A. H. Redfield, H. F. W. Putnam, S. B. Thayer.—77.

Green Degree.—E. Shepard, B. S. Robbins, John Hawkins, Charles Wright, S. P. Brewster, Charles S. Bagg, G. W. Thayer.—7.

Blue Degree.—A. S. Welch, Edward Bissell, A. Wepster, Jos. Smith, J. E. Kimball.—5.

Pink Degree.—William Duncan, A. Duncan, F. Meeker, Jas. Clark, C. C. Douglass, J. J. Rhodes, R. Ash, John Fisher, C. C. Sprague, John Small, L. C. Newberry, R. P. Redfield, John Hunter, S. E. Peters, E. Chapman, L. Drake, James Cook, James Dort, John Stockdale, J. N. Boutwell, S. P. Purdy, J. G. Darby, Paschal Bryce, Samuel B. Hill, David M. Smith, Geo. Morehouse, William H. Patton.—27.

White Degree.—William F. Chittenden, E. J. Palmer, F. Beaufait, S. H. Norton, R. S. Hicks, H. S. Nichols, G. F. Webber.—7.

Initiatory.—J. A. Cole, K. Dygart, C. D. Farlin, J. H. Harmon, George Hill, F. Jannet, J. E. Kitton, John B. Long, E. L. Lang, E. A. Lansing, A. H. Newbould, Charles Paddock, E. Taylor, A. Tuttle, Charles Vail, H. Zender, W. Hayward, H. H. Fish, R. W. Fairchild, R. Holmes, H. Smith, A. F. Goodrich, J. Suther-

land, William Clark, H. R. Burgher, A. Carter, R. Goodell, E. Hutton, D. Michael, L. Baldwin, C. H. Benedict, N. Bissell, A. J. Trumball, A. Young, E. L. Benedict, Joseph Long, E. H. Willard, Joseph Jackson, William J. Purdy, J. Wallace, F. C. Volkenstein, D. S. Van Allen, A. Valentine, S. J. Stockton, William H. Rodgers, N. Palmer, D. C. Hart, Julius Gruba, Robert J. Abbott, Thomas J. Rowe, George C. Godfroy, James Patton, Robert A. Morris, David Starr, William H. Knowles, James W. Bennett, Francis B. Phelps, William Reid, Thomas Carter, David Esdell, Jr.—60. Total, 215.

PONTIAC LODGE No. 3.

Past Grands.—John Bacon, N. P. Stewart, J. E. Hyde, Alfred Treadway, M. La Mot Bagg, William M. Thompson, Henry W. Lord, Solon B. Comstock, William S. Fish, Charles Pittman, Solomon W. Denton, H. L. Stevens.—12.

Scarlet Degree.—Samuel E. Beach, J. W. Crain, Jacob Hendrickson, H. C. Linabury, Robert B. Morris, Isaac Caskie, A. E. W. Thompson, Alvin C. High, Daniel Wallis, John Lockwood, John G. Crombie, Pierce Patrick, Peter Hogan, James H. Lockwood, Jacob G. Bishop, Rial Irish, George K. Johnson, George Wilson, O. D. Richardson, A. N. Hitchcock, John Snyder, M. N. Robinson, Franklin Hopkins, E. H. Whitney, C. B. Petrie, Platt Adams, J. B. Pierce, Thomas R. Church, N. J. Smith, A. F. Boss, John Farmer, A. Sherwood, L. T. Sperry, A. L. Williams, E. G. Denning.—35.

Initiatory.—Charles Allison, Henry Coates, Jason Richardson, James Ogle, Joseph Backman, M. Barkley, W. P. Gow, A. N. Hart, G. R. Dennis, J. R. Howland, A. Rowell, J. L. Comstock, Joseph Jones, George H. Look, H. V. R. Hubbell, N. D. Safford, H. C. Munson, William B. Frederick, William Smith, Michael McKay, F. J. Smith, W. C. Tilden.—22. Total 69.

JACKSON LODGE No. 4.

Past Grands.—William N. Choate, C. W. Penney, James A. Dyer, W. F. Barrett, P. E. De Mill, Ichabod Cole, Gurdon Case, F. M. Foster, J. M. Treadwell, Edward L. Jones, F. Myrick, L. J. Burr, B. F. Van Brocklin, William Aldrich.—14.

Scarlet Degree.—D. J. Holden, Samuel Higby, M. E. Dyer, V. H. Powell, A. Foster, W. D. Thompson, A. B. Crawford, B. F. Norris, William O'Brien, L. Collamer, J. L. Fisher, P. B. Ring, O. R. Cole, Albert Howe, J. B. Tomlinson, O. C. Mosher, L. Griswold, J. P. Lord, W. R. Williams, S. N. Shattuck, B. F. Gleason, A. B. Gordon, A. A. Quigley, J. Kirkendall, J. H. Taylor, O. C. Freeman, J. Van Wie, W. Buddington, B. F. Eggleston, M. Shoemaker, C. Cole, J. Billings, R. S. Cheney, F. W. Kirtland, P. Vandenburg, L. Chapman, J. M. Harwood, E. H. Pilcher, S. N. Cogswell, C. Knickerbocker, J. H. Titus, R. L. Myrick, H. Chamberlain, J. M. Holbrook, T. E. Hayes, J. W. Hulin, W. R. Reynolds, L. F. Reed, A. Temple, M. H. Crafts, B. Porter, J. F. Aldrich, G. W. Brown, D. Titus, M. A. Dailey—55.

Green Degree.—E. B. Brigham—1.

Blue Degree.—J. A. Bailey, J. F. Moe, L. Warren, A. Catlin, B. G. Mosher, W. J. Welling, D. B. Hibbard, B. Knight, C. V. Tyler, J. F. Arthurton, H. B. Lathrop, G. Bloomfield, C. M. Sprague.—13.

Pink Degree.—Jonathan Scott, D. C. Hurd, H. A. Hulin, C. D. Henderson, C. T. Beebee.—5.

White Degree.—S. T. Anderson, J. J. Martin.—2.

Initiatory.—A. Jones, J. De La Mater, D. Fisher, H. Hamlin, R. Dearin, G. Holbrook, H. Daniels, J. G. Younglove, J. M. Allen, E. Devoe, W. Montgomery, P. K. Conklin, A. M. Barber, S. H. Avery, L. Wilcox, J. N. Way, J. W. Welch, A. H. Brainard, Isaac Purdy, H. Pattee, D. A. Wise, R. R. Chappell, A. Van De Bogart.—23. Total, 112.

PENINSULA LODGE No. 5.

Past Grands.—J. Wright Gordon, E. C. Noble, James A. Way, A. O. Hyde, James A. Hahn, E. R. Slawson, Isaac E. Crary, S. S. Alcott, B. Banks, D. S. Green, H. A. Tilotson.—11.

Scarlet Degree.—H. Adams, Horatio N. Banks, Samuel S. Burpee, Martin S. Brackett, S. H. Bunker, C. H. Beach, John J. Bardwell, Darius Clark, John Dusenbury, Henry W. Donnelly, John Faulkner, Henry Gardner, W. M. Grant, Lemuel P. Hard, George Johnson, E. D. Ladd, Samuel Ladd, N. K. Maniaties,

Preston Mitchell, John McKay, H. E. Phelps, W. J. Powell, Azer Rowley, Silas L. Sargent, Chester H. Smith, W. B. Stoner, Z. Tillotson, Eli F. Tabor, Randal Watrous, Charles Wilcox, Isaac Van Voorheis, H. G. Hodskin.—32.

Blue Degree.—C. B. Webster, Theodore F. Craig, Edward Butler, F. M. Lamson, M. S. Norton, W. M. Phelps, Lawton, H. Robinson.—7.

Pink Degree.—Harvey M. Dixon, H. S. Hahn, Salmon E. Hall, George S. Wright.—4.

White Degree.—Thomas S. Dorsay.—1.

Initiatory.—Solomon S. Hicks, C. G. Johnson, Andrew Kelley, Seth Lewis, W. R. McCall, W. C. Merret, Edward McClure, A. L. Mann, Ellery P. Potter, Homer Ramsdell, D. D. Riley, John Shutes, W. F. Von Brandis, Benjamin F. Curtis, D. C. Griffith. 15. Total 70.

BERRIEN CO. LODGE No. 6.

Past Grands.—A. J. Clark, J. C. Larrimer, John F. Porter, Charles Jewitt, J. Hoadley, G. Goodman, H. W. Griswold, G. W. Hoffman, J. C. Nyman, A. W. Johnson, William Graver, W. S. Farmer.—12.

Scarlet Degree.—H. Slate, C. L. Wilson, S. W. B. Chester, W. P. Abal, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. R. Webber, J. B. Hoffman, Jos. Pierson, Joseph Mansfield, Allen Moore, H. Wheeler, J. Messenger, B. F. Fish, S. D. Moore, Robert Cassady, Asa Kingsbury, B. D. Townsend, R. C. Payne, G. A. Howe, J. W. Jennings, Thomas Fitzgerald, Samuel Kellogg, William Gilliland, James L. Glenn, Stephen Moore, S. S. Dodge, C. L. Barron, S. Webber, C. G. Pidge, J. B. Griswold, S. H. Griffin, James Brown, Augustus Redding, H. Lockwood, W. D. Perkins, D. M. Dickson, J. W. Butterfield, A. B. Youug, H. Parmer, John Failling, A. L. Deniston, L. H. Grines, H. S. Compton, J. J. Engle, G. Engle, Robert Wilson, C. K. Hager, Horace Eastman, John L. Dare, Jacob Compton, J. S. Tuttle, S. G. Gaylord, S. N. Chittenden.—53.

Green Degree.—Luther Parmer, Otto Moon.—2.

Blue Degree.—R. W. Landon, George Laban, L. C. Howard, A. McIntosh, Liberty Parkham.—5.

Pink Degree.—J. J. Hamilton, C. G. Moore, Chad. Brown, William M. Liston, H. A. Chapin, Egbert Taylor, James Hull, N. Miller, Lewis Rosenkrans, G. W. Kingsley, E. Ballingra, J. A. Thompson, J. M. Peebles.—13.

White Degree.—T. Williams, B. McCamber, C. Miller.—3.

Initiatory.—Lemuel Street, A. Blake, Hiram Kellogg, J. A. Collins, John Phelps, H. W. Ingersoll, John Crull, B. C. Griswold, William Raymond, A. H. King, H. P. Bradbury, J. C. Prettyman, C. S. Abal, O. H. P. Sheats, A. Murray, L. Conant, S. W. Hatfield, A. W. Butler, Isaac Trippe.—19. Total, 88.

KALAMAZOO LODGE No. 7.

No list of Members returned.

ADRIAN LODGE No. 8.

Past Grands.—Sebre Howard, D. D. Sinclair, Rollin Robinson, F. C. Beaman, A. G. Eastman, Charles W. Hunt, Morton Eddy, W. Huntington Smith, P. J. Spalding.—9.

Scarlet Degree.—E. L. Clark, William O. Howard, W. S. Wilcox, W. E. Kimball, Amos Bigalow, James S. Kingsland, W. M. Sheldon, George W. Merrick, W. J. Carroll, W. W. Cook, Philo Wilson, Stephen Perkins, A. S. Knapp, Isaac Paulding, Henry G. Crittenden, William Perkins, Jr., John Mills, R. R. Beecher, Jinks Morey, R. V. Smith, Erastus Converse, Gideon Pierce, W. J. Boulton, E. Vandegriff, J. E. Wadsworth, Stephen H. Cook, Hugh Colbrath, O. Hall, Thomas R. Rathbun, W. O. Brown, J. W. Holmes, S. L. Ramsdell, A. H. Proctor, James H. Penniman, O. M. Rood, F. R. Stebbins, Charles Bænor, H. Hicks.—38.

Green Degree.—Clark Elsworth, R. B. C. Newcomb.—2.

Blue Degree.—Henry Hart, James G. Disbrow, Francis Voorheis, L. McCracken, Samuel Hayball, Samuel Latimer, Albert Dawson, John McClure.—8.

Pink Degree.—Rufus Kibbee, Isaac French, W. A. Whitney, Isaac Hopper, Ephraim Prince, John T. Irish, S. J. Mosher, H. S. Russell, Albert J. Harrison.—9.

White Degree.—W. L. Mills, F. A. Park, B. C. Mabée, Edward S. Warren, Benjamin Gilmore, Nathan Myers, Melvin Rockwell, Charles Campbell.—8

Initiatory.—Clement Smith, A. D. Smith, William Williams, Charles Ingersoll, Hiram Farwell, William F. Hutchins, Brice W. Hoag, Increase Decker, James Jorden, A. Cummings, James Mills, J. McCandless, L. E. Serrine, Thomas H. Laverty, Lewis H. Davis, Albert S. Angevine, B. Richardson, Eli S. Marvin, Robert Wooden, James C. Turner, B. W. Spear, Ruel Thayer, Gardner Mason, David Andrews, Andrew Clement, D. A. Woodbury, George N. Aldrich, Edgar Myers, Stewart Fitzgerald, Isaiah Teachout, James Andrews, L. A. Alderman, John L. Knapp, E. P. Corbet, Lewis Goldsmith, E. D. Post, N. R. Fowler.—37. Total, 111.

WASHTENAW LODGE No. 9.

Past Grands.—James M. Welch, N. H. Eggleston, N. R. Ramsdell, B. D. Lefevre, N. B. Nye, F. E. Jones, G. Grenville, C. H. Millen.—8.

Scarlet Degree.—William Kinsley, William B. Prettyman, Chas. Thayer, M. H. Eggleston, L. B. Walker, James Jones, Philip Bach, Thomas Lambert, H. D. Bennett, O. M. Martin, J. C. Taylor, William S. Wood, Emanuel Mann, William A. Hatch, Conrad Krappf, William Wagner, Charles Spoor, L. C. Ridsen, J. D. Andrus, J. Vanderwalker, J. H. Scribner, James M. Congden, John W. Maynard, Reuben Reed, J. B. Hurlbut, A. K. Davis, L. B. Simmons, Jonathan Sprague, O. A. Colvin, William Osius, William D. Disbrow, A. H. Markham, Edward Leavensworth, E. G. Boyce, Ira W. Cromwell, Abijah Williams, S. W. Oliphant, John W. Thompson, Ebenezer Sprague, T. S. Humphreyville, Joseph Halstead, T. A. Haviland, Clemens Hathaway, Rufus Rose, J. F. Royce, H. A. Norton, A. Deforest, D. Leseur, A. R. Nowland, John W. Cromwell, George Sears, Abram Taylor, Nelson Conklin, William Foster.—55.

Green Degree.—S. J. Hobbs.

Blue Degree.—Isaac Covert, H. M. Dean, Joseph Godfrey.—3.

Pink Degree.—A. J. Robinson, T. H. Marsh, P. M. Withers, Charles Ching, E. P. Welch, Jacob Storms, E. Oseander, Israel Mowrey, A. C. Raymond, A. Belding, D. A. McCollum, Richard Thornton, Jacob Snapp, J. F. Draper, G. L. McAllister, Jacob S. Sprague, Zera Pulsiphur, M. W. Hatch, R. G. Hall, James S.

McCard, S. R. Doty, James M. Smith, James Crissey, Charles E. Savage.—24.

Initiatory.—Franklin Lozer, Jesee P. Warner, O. Collier, Thomas Keal, Francis Andrews, John Wallace, Isaac Bisbee, George W. Millan, John L. Davidson, N. Arksey, P. Muleg, O. A. Smith, Isaac L. Pierson.—13. Total, 104.

MACOMB LODGE No. 13.

Past Grands.—C. H. Carey, Henry D. Terry, Henry C. Kibbee, Joshua B. Dickinson, John J. Traver, William S. Robinson, Ira Stout, J. E. Van Eps.—8.

Scarlet Degree.—Geo. C. Fletcher, A. S. Robinson, John W. Leonard, Geo. B. Van Eps. S. W. Allen, Theron Shook, C. G. Cady, D. C. Williams, N. S. Harvey, William Jenny, John Beatty, Benjamin Swartout, Robert Thompson, Jerry Kibbee, T. M. Perry, H. R. Babcock, Geo. H. Loomis, W. H. Warner, Varnum Lufkin, H. H. Cady, Jeremiah Folsom, Henry H. Stevens, L. H. Eastmaan, J. Moore Taylor, O. W. Delano.—25.

Blue Degree.—Porter Kibbee, Norton Wyckoff, Milan Winslow, Wm. M. Campbell, John Wylde, William Roy, Emory Tru-
fant, Thomas W. Snook, Cephas Farrar, Jonathan G. Douglass, Wm. L. Rutter, John L. Whipple, Joseph Cole.—13.

White Degree.—Aaron G. Parke.—1.

Initiatory.—John H. Conner, George Wylde, Joseph Hubbard, William A. Lewis, Thos. E. Beer, Charles Burnap, R. H. Wallace, Abraham Weis, William Lewis, Francis C. McChesney, Wm. E. Gamber, William H. Loneks, William Wylde, C. W. Swartcut, Isaac P. Wells, Carlos Bacon, Elam Moe, John T. VanAntwerp, P. A. Smith, Ezra B. Pettibone, Wm. E. Dunham, Horace A. Lathrop.—22. Total—69.

TECUMSEH LODGE No. 14.

Past Grands.—Consider A. Stacey, Thomas M. Cooley, Daniel G. Quackenboss, Thomas Baylis, Daniel Williams, John F. Terry. Peter F. Blosser, John Cummins.—8.

Scarlet Degree.—John C. Ball, Nathaniel Brackett, Salmon Crane, Thomas Cummins, Dudley Cheeney, Joseph Champlin, Jr., Abram De Mott, Thomas J. Saxson, Earl W. Gridley, David

Henderson, Charles Hewitt, F. H. Kinney, Alvah McNiell, John McConnel, William Parker. Ira Pennor, William E. Randall, A. Rosecrans, Uriah P. Smith, M. P. Spears, Daniel B. Spears, Lucius G. Sholes, George Spofford, Nelson Taylor, John Treanoe, Henry Taylor, Joseph Tilden, M. W. Tilden, John Ushane, Sybrant Vannest, David Vantine, S. Walker, Allen B. Ward, Asa A. Whitehead, M. Wright, William Wendell.—36.

Blue Degree.—Ezra F. Blood, John Garey, Reese H. Griffith, Myron A. Larwell, George L. Moore, Charles Strong.—6.

Pink Degree.—Richard Beard, John B. Cook, Elliott M. Gray, David Harkness, Morris Hyde, L. V. Judson, Archibald McNiell, John Varnum, Solomon H. Wheeler.—9.

Initiatory.—Jacob Arnor, E. D. Burlingame, E. Bassett, Harwell C. Barron, James Bloomers, Erie H. Button, H. W. Conkling, Charles H. Dewey, James C. Eddy, J. S. Hamilton, Alexander Johnson, Benjamin F. Kennedy, Samuel Larned, Thomas H. Mosher, Walter S. Moore, James Pursil, George Porter, Luther N. Sandford, S. B. Terry, N. K. Wakefield, Solomon W. Wright.—21. Total, 80.

PRAIRIE RONDE LODGE No. 15.

Past Grnds.—A. H. Scott, R. Pursel, A. Y. Moore, A. D. Allen.—4.

Scarlet Degree.—J. W. Pursil, Mills N. Duncan, Frederick Dale, C. Felt, O. Eldred, C. Selleck, D. T. Pierce, J. B. Finlay, S. W. Frank, E. B. Dyckman, J. Brown, A. W. Mack, E. A. Parks, Lyman Francis, Thomas H. Murray.—15.

Blue Degree.—Charles Henry, Joseph Briggs, G. S. Bristol.—3.

Pink Degree.—E. H. Lathrop, E. Baker, J. Artley, N. H. Townsend, E. G. Robinson.—5.

White Degree.—S. Smith, B. F. Carney, O. R. Hatch.—3. Total, 31.

FAYETTE LODGE No. 16.

No list of members returned.

HILLSDALE LODGE No. 17.

Past Grands.—Henry Waldron, Joseph R. Thombs, Alex. S. Griswold, Henry S. Mead, J. W. French, Andrew Hilliker.—6.

Scarlet Degree.—H. Johnson, Jr., James W. King, Charles H. Kimble, Delos Manning, Dan S. Miller, John C. Miller, Wm. W. Owen, Giles W. Osburn, Clinton Parish, William Potter, Jr., James M. Raymond, Ira W. Rowe, Albert Starr, Chauncy Stimpson, Isaac Vandenburg, Harvey A. Anderson, A. W. Budlong, John Brown, John S. Barber, Mathew Bennan, J. C. Dickinson, Franklin Gridley, S. M. Glengon, Adam Howder, Elijah Hatten, A. C. Holt, Charles Whitehead, A. T. Wardwell.—28.

Blue Degree.—George Armstrong, Smith M. Brown, John Campbell, Livingston R. Gay, Alonzo W. Sharpe.—5.

Pink Degree.—Justus Barber, Nicholas Earl, David L. Frasher, J. S. Hodges, Cornelius B. Van Vater.—5.

White Degree.—M. S. Hurd.—1.

Initiatory.—Samuel S. Correll, William Carkshoff, Benjamin Fairchild, Adam Knott, W. Northam, Samuel P. Purdy, John C. Peck, Samuel Remely, Oliver C. Rounds, James Terwillager, E. L. Yapple, Hosea Loring, L. H. Stocker, C. J. Dickenson, Jesse J. Mugg.—15. Total, 60.

PAW PAW LODGE NO. 18.

Past Grands.—Emory O. Briggs, Edwin R. Moffat, John Smolk, Jr., J. H. Simmons, F. H. Stevens.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—Chester F. Allen, Samuel H. Blackmer, S. T. Conway, Elisha Durkee, Loron Darling, George J. Dorr, Edmund La Grave, Nathan Mears, Eusebius Mather, John L. Marvin, A. V. Pentland, Edwin Russell, Albert Mears.—13.

Blue Degree.—Ebenezer Avery, Marcus Bingham, Jonathan Chevalier, Henry C. Clapp, Joseph Cox, Jr., James B. Crane, H. L. Eggleston, D. Morris, John Morris.—9.

Pink Degree.—Ashahel Bryant, Nathan Cook, James M. Eastman, R. J. Huyck, James Myers, John H. Rockwell, Archibald Stewart.—7.

Initiatory.—Joseph Kilbourn, N. Livermore, Charles N. Poor, O. F. Parker, Norman Rice, George Smith, George Vake.—7. Total, 41.

MONROE LODGE NO. 19.

Past Grands.—J. G. Thurber, H. D. Walbridge, James Darrah, E. G. Brigham, B. F. Fifield, J. M. Sterling.—6.

Scarlet Degree.—W. W. Prentice, W. A. Noble, H. Grinnell, G. S. Howe, W. H. Wells, W. W. Clarke, Russel Howe, F. M. Winans, J. R. Grosvenor, J. C. Cole, A. C. Keating, P. H. Keegan, W. H. Beaman, Joseph Wheeler, James Keegan, W. E. Bronson, Ira Mayhew, Levi Lewis, L. T. Dyer, C. R. Taylor, L. H. Burns, E. L. Haff, A. W. Jewett, R. H. Diley, J. G. Keller, D. Y. Howell, C. D. Sumner, George Morton, W. Stoddard, R. Stoddard, D. McCormic, Thomas Doyle, T. P. Aldrich, Talcot E. Wing.—34.

Blue Degree.—George Harrison, Isaac Lewis, H. A. Keating, W. Corbit, A. H. Humphrey, J. N. Studdiford, L. S. Harvey, W. Corbin, L. Crowder.—1.

Pink Degree.—John Taft, W. S. Waterbury, N. N. Kendall.—3.

Initiatory.—C. Hurlbut, G. A. Strong, George Millard, J. M. Chamberlain, Peter Butsell, C. McDowell, A. J. Mason, W. H. Velie, W. Willson, J. W. Little, John Conlogue, D. St. John, David Reed, Alhert Hickox, John Lane, J. A. Keebough, C. Kastleman, P. S. Underhill, E. Rawson, Jacob Moore, I. Vincent, J. Vanin, Peter Benson, J. H. Richardson.—24. Total, 76.

ALBION LODGE No. 20.

Past Grands.—John Z. Sackett, Samuel J. Henderson, Joseph French, George Hannahs, Walter H. Bidwell.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—Moses D. Allen, Horace D. Crane, Joseph Woodbury, B. S. Davis, John E. Wild, D. De Puy, F. F. Philo, Rev. M. T. Hawley, James S. Jewett, Albert Severance, V. W. Paine, L. S. Southworth, F. S. Bushnell, John E. Prose.—14.

Blue Degree.—Henry Drake.—1.

Pink Degree.—John Thornton.—1.

Initiatory.—D. Billingerst, Charles G. George, F. A. Harroun, William Taylor, E. W. Wheeler, L. S. Keen, Rufus Carpenter, T. Hurlbut, L. S. Stevens.—9. Total, 30.

CASS COUNTY LODGE No. 21.

Past Grands.—George B. Turner, George Sherwood, Henry R. Close, W. G. Beckwith, A. H. Defoe.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—Abraham Townsend, Jr., P. F. Averill, L. Harter, J. H. Smith, Henry Tietzort, S. D. Fitch, David Histed,

C. B. Tietzort, Andrew Woods, G. W. Clark, David Thompson, E. P. Burnwell, D. P. Ward.—13.

Green Degree.—H. J. Allen.—1.

Blue Degree.—William Vanantwerp, J. C. Wright, W. G. Wiley, J. Philbrick, L. Tietzort, J. W. Maitland.—6.

Pink Degree.—N. Monroe, D. A. Clowes, William Hall, E. Simpson, Isaac Hall, S. V. Tietzort, William B. May, Hiram Martin, William Pollock, William Clarke.—10.

White Degree.—C. F. Powers, William D. McCool, Eli Eck, William H. Hall, Edward Beach, C. L. Huff, J. F. Cobb, Obed Osborn.—8.

Initiatory.—P. B. Osborn, D. S. Kingsbury, William F. Tenney, — Dixon, J. D. Tytherleigh, J. W. Perry, B. Hudson, D. Crane, J. E. Averell, T. J. Wilcox, L. Tompkins, T. B. Huff, P. V. Tietzort, D. Rugar, A. J. Huff, J. H. East.—16. Total, 59.

CONSTANTINE LODGE No. 22.

Past Grands.—W. B. Hollister, H. H. Riley, William C. Pease, G. L. Camber, E. Stevens, F. Wells.—6.

Scarlet Degree.—P. L. Baldy, J. G. Miller, W. O. Fisk, W. Savicr, L. C. Laird, W. Pitcher, J. W. Ross, J. J. Richter, H. Kellogg, W. R. Marvin, B. Sutherland, A. Miller, C. V. Nyland, J. Lintz, J. M. Welles, J. Shepard, J. K. Briggs, Thomas Mitchell, A. B. George, M. Wheeler, H. Levison, B. Merrill, T. B. McAllister.—23.

Green Degree.—G. Brown, J. G. Smith, G. Hebron, D. P. Gray, A. M. Beardsley.—5.

Blue Degree.—W. N. Elliott, S. E. Lefferte, J. W. Cloyse, R. Ingersoll, J. Hartman, J. Coates.—6.

Pink Degree.—J. C. Richmond, C. C. Bryfogle, G. W. Beisel, A. Lindsley, W. Anderson, L. Painter, J. Temple, O. E. Thompson.—8.

White Degree.—G. J. Clark, J. Clipfell, J. Hebron, J. S. Kean, G. A. K. Orton, H. Woods.—6.

Initiatory.—C. R. Willington, J. J. Mason, M. Haywood, L. B. S. Miller, W. A. Wright, G. Ketchun, J. L. Dickson, L. Chnrch, W. Cook, F. D. Carpenter.—10. Total, 64.

ROMEO LODGE No. 23.

Past Grands.—Charles Smith, Philo Tillson, Charles F. Mallary, Asa B. Ayres, Abijah Palmer.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—Edwin C. Owen, Albert E. Leete, Henry Hawcorth, Henry Stephens, Jacob P. Smith, George P. Newberry, John W. Downer, Lucius Webster, David H. Buel, Edward S. Snover, Willirm Cooley, M. Beecham, M. Theobald, William Weightman, George C. Harvey, Chester Cooley, Samuel Cooley, Noah Cooley, Ira Dodge, Carlton B. Newberry, Joseph Ayres, William Parke, Peter C. Snover, John H. Spencer, B. Sutherland.—25.

Blue Degree.—Luman Beebe, Edwin J. Newberry.—2.

Initiatory.—Horace Bogart, Niel Gray, Jr., Sidney Drake, D. B. Comstock, Alex. H. Shelp, James B. Chesall, Oliver Whitehead, Stephen Bailey, Elihu Granger, Erastus Spalding, Oliver Dodge, W. T. Dodge, T. R. Galloway, George W. Dobson, Samuel H. Ewell, Harvey Chamberlain, Oliver P. Strobridge, John H. Caldwell, Isaiah, H. Becraft, George H. Look.—20.
Total, 52.

GENESEE LODGE No. 24.

Past Grands.—Edward H. Thompson, George M. Dewey, Charles D. Little, George H. Hazelton, Charles Hascall.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—Charles H. Abbott, J. W. Armstrong, Seth S. Abernethy, J. L. Browne, L. G. Buckingham, Charles N. Beecher, Timothy Boise, James Carron, A. T. Crossman, Paul G. Davison, William M. Fenton, E. F. Frary, Perkins H. Green, William S. Goff, Charles Heale, Felix B. Higgins, George J. W. Hill, Nelson Ingersoll, Charles Kelley, Stephen Moore, Sylvester A. Pengra, Ira F. Payson, C. Roosevelt, J. R. Rugg, Joseph Reighley, Rev. Charles Reighley, Augustus St. Amand, Artemas Thayer, Leonard Wesson.—29.

Green Degree.—Robert D. Lamond, James Schram.—2.

Blue Degree.—Seth C. Beach, Harlow G. Beach, Charles W. Grant, Andrew Harrison, Oliver Hamilton, A. Hammond, George F. Hood, George W. Sutton, Luther Trickey.—9.

Pink Degree.—H. F. Beahan, William Collbrath, Joshua K. Abbott, Joseph W. Carpenter, Reuben M. Ford, E. G. Gale, William Hamilton, John Parish, David Watson.—9.

White Degree.—C. D. W. Gibson, Royal W. Jenney, J. D. Moorehouse, De Laskie Miller, J. McFarlin, Thomas V. Rogers, William Thayer, George Andrews, Edwin M. Bacon, A. C. Brewer, Jonathan Beach, Isaac Bennett, Julian Bishop, A. P. Davis, E. J. Van Buren.—15.

Initiatory.—John C. Allen, Andrew Bidwell, Nelson W. Butts, Oscar S. Carter, Alexander W. Davis, Jerome Eddy, Edwin Green, John A. Kline, H. Knickerkocker, W. H. C. Lyon, George Le Boy, Reuben McCrary, E. N. Peltier, Thomas Barks, F. F. Riggs, Randolph W. Ransom, Charles Rice, A. G. Smith, Amasa Short, T. B. W. Stockton, George W. Stager, J. L. Taylor, H. O. Taylor, Stephen Wolverton.—24. Total, 95.

BIRMINGHAM LODGE No. 25.

Past Grands.—John B. Flower, Charles Briggs, Theron A. Flower, H. W. Botsford, James M. Hunt.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—E. Raynale, William S. Jenks, Myron Toms, J. H. Belding, R. M. Donelson, D. R. Tucker, James Fitzpatrick, A. J. Van Every, Charles G. Browne, S. F. Beardsley, Wellington Willetts, Solomon Whitney, Alanson Partridge, Beverly Beardsley, B. D. Worthing.—15.

Green Degree.—R. J. Mitchell.—1.

Blue Degree.—Leland Kelsey, A. Snow, G. Smith, Curtis Munger, T. Shain.—5.

Pink Degree.—A. J. Owen, William S. Taylor, M. W. Hicks, D. P. Tucker, George Tollman.—5.

White Degree.—Jesse Frink, H. C. Smith, Harvey Lee, A. F. Jenks, H. Barnum, Luman Williams.—6.

Initiatory.—Hiram Coopeer, A. Miller, H. C. Buell, James Grindley, Robert Toms, J. W. Barns, S. H. Jenks, J. A. Chapman, Ziba Swan, E. J. Wooley, P. H. Sherman, John H. Wells, Columbus Blake, Hugh McCurdy, James Ellis.—15. Total, 52.

HUDSON LODGE No. 26.

Past Grands.—E. D. Larned, Augustus Thomas, Judson R. Hyde.—3.

Scarlet Degree.—Hiram Osburn, J. C. Hogabome, Jesse Maxson, D. P. Chamberlain, L. G. Hall, William H. Coppernal, B. H. Lane, R. H. Armstrong, R. A. Beach, John Williams, J. M. Johnson, W. W. Morris, Abiel Coburn, William Williams, W. W. Brewster.—15.

Blue Degree.—Thomas Bates, B. Brittan, William D. Jones, J. C. Hotchkiss.—4.

Initiatory.—William Cooper, N. H. Basset, S. C. Perkins, C. C. Mors, J. M. Likely, Uriah Treadwell, John Adams, Joseph Ludlow, R. B. Piper, Joseph Phillips, J. C. Dickinson, J. B. Chamberlain, D. H. Van Wie, H. Garlick.—14. Total, 36.

RAISIN RIVER LODGE No. 27.

No list of Members returned.

ST. JOSEPH CO. LODGE No. 28.

Past Grands.—Elias W. Talbot, Charles H. Knox, Charles Upson, Edmund Stears.—4.

Scarlet Degree.—William Z. Bronson, Asher Benham, Benjamin Osgood, William B. Langley, Jacob Myers, Samuel W. Platt, Seth J. Daniels, Charles H. Thoms, James L. McKie, Levi Patchin, S. D. Richardson, Thomas A. McKee, G. W. Gaskins, Erastus Pardee, Hennon H. Cole, John M. Gilchrist, Louis A. Leland, Warren D. Pettit, Gilbert T. Brooks, Israel V. Williams, James McKee, John F. Smith, William Harrington, William A. Little, John Harbison.—25.

Blue Degree.—Albert E. Massy, William Mottram, Andrew J. Brown, Charles D. Childs, Julius A. Thompson, Peter M. Gray, Alfred B. Moore, Selah C. Goodrich, Erasmus D. Stockton, Cyrus Shellhous, La Fayette Williams.—11.

Pink Degree.—Isaiah Reed, Joseph B. Millard, Thomas M. Woods, Steward A. Smith, George C. Conn, C. W. Salter, Samuel S. Riley.—7.

Initiatory.—P. G. Clement, Andrew I. Kinne.—2. Total, 49.

BATTLE CREEK LODGE No. 29.

Past Grands.—L. H. Stewart, Joseph Barton, Edward Cox.—3.

Scarlet Degree.—F. S. Clark, Levi Mesher, G. W. McCamley, Philetus Gould, John F. Hinman, James Foster, Tolman W. Hall, Platt Gilbert, Stephen Gilbert, B. F. Hinman, Reuben Pew, Simon S. French, W. M. Campbell, Isaac C. Mott, Thomas H. Thomas, Charles S. Gray, Eli L. Stilson, William C. Dumphrey, Silas Cox, Rial Johnson, Nathan Kenyon, David Lewis, John S. Adams, Samuel Gregory, George S. Avery, Claudius G. Avery, W. J. Valentine, George W. Thomas, E. S. James.—29.

Blue Degree.—A. Mesher, Charles E. Beardsley, D. M. Graham.—3.

Pink Degree.—A. Cantine, William C. Hicks, A. D. Phelps, Charles W. Cook.—4.

White Degree.—W. Brewster, F. Paddock, C. W. Cole, Chas. Waring.—4.

Initiatory.—George W. McCamley, William R. Bunnell, N. S. Booth, John Y. Hicks, Z. T. Shepard, Caleb Kirby, Joseph Young, O. B. Sheldon.—S. Total, 51.

HURON LODGE No. 30.

Past Grands.—Garra B. Noble, N. H. Wing, J. E. Cooper.—3.

Scarlet Degree.—James McMahon, A. D. Crane, D. Hosler, S. W. Murdock, J. H. Shepard, Mina Boyd, J. Davis, H. Vinkle, Charles E. Noble, H. H. Noble, M. Spencer, J. W. Stansbury, F. G. Rose, R. Crawford, H. Craw, E. Arnold, O. Aldrich, Hiram Burnham, S. W. Holmes, M. Cadwell, D. Wilcox, N. A. Phelps, Francis W. Noble, J. A. Polhemus, H. P. Goodrich, C. S. Gregory.—26.

Blue Degree.—F. Baldwin, W. S. Waite, S. D. Smith, A. B. Peterson, W. A. Streeter.—5.

Pink Degree.—B. F. Lemmon.—1.

White Degree.—C. F. Fillmore, O. Clark.—2.

Initiatory.—J. M. Gilbert, William Arnold, William H. Cook, N. F. Johnson, J. T. Haws, T. W. Hill, C. W. Guest, A. B. Lemmon, Alonzo Gorton.—10. Total, 47.

COLDWATER LODGE No. 31.

Past Grands.—A. T. Grændyke, F. V. Smith, H. M. Wright, H. C. Gilbert.—4.

Scarlet Degree.—L. D. Crippen, J. T. Haynes, L. Dillingham, D. C. Jackox, H. Lockwood, Abram Parrish, Jr., L. D. Halstead, P. P. Wright, E. G. Fuller, S. C. Hanchett, Luther F. Hale, William A. Jackson, Ezra Berry, Clinton, B. Fiske.—13.

Green Degree.—J. A. Mills.—1.

Blue Degree.—Burt Etheridge, R. M. Wilder, Anselm Arnold.—3.

Pink Degree.—George W. Davis, W. H. Hanchett, William Waiton, Asa Parrish, John Root.—5.

Initiatory.—H. N. Moore, Darwin Littlefield, M. B. Barnhart, R. McClure, Green Arnold, L. T. N. Wilson, Jasper Parrish.—7.
Total, 33.

TONQUISH LODGE No. 32.

Past Grands.—William Beers, Joshua Scattergood, George A. Starkweather, Mark A. Mosher.—4.

Scarlet Degree.—Edward Adams, James M. Adams, Alfred S. Barker, A. Brigham, Samuel Baker, Barnabas C. Bunnell, William R. Curtis, J. F. Davidson, Nathaniel Eldridge, Peter Fralick, Adam A. Fralick, Samuel Hungerford, John S. Kellogg, John J. P. Lyon, Charles F. Lee, James D. Lyon, Samuel Lyndon, J. M. Loop, John N. McFarlan, Daniel Myers, Thomas P. May, Jr., Robert McFarlan, Benjamin Moreland, George W. Peters, Elkanah Parker, Myron Rider, Stephen Roe, Abram A. Shafer, H. Strickland, M. L. Sheets, George W. Shearer, Riley Stilwell, James A. Wright, Isaac Weitman, Lewis Winchester, Ira D. Ward, Joseph T. Wilder, W. D. Whalen, Samuel Williams.—40.

Blue Degree.—John J. Wright, Lawrence Riley, Jr., Samuel C. Shattuck, Myra Gage, William Duval, Isaac P. Andrus, John Miller, Jr., F. A. Brown, Samuel W. Walker, Stephen F. Armstrong, B. Pierson, Gershom Myers, A. Van Volkenburgh, L. R. Mosher.—14.

Pink Degree.—H. A. Bentley, A. F. Bedford.—2.

White Degree.—J. Q. Van Volkenburgh, Lester K. Hough, Elisha Flint.—3.

Initiatory.—Nathan T. Bradner, Edwin Bradner, Sylvanus Duntly, F. S. Shattuck, Benjamin F. Ewing, L. A. Lyon, F. L. Markham, G. L. Seeley, Sylvester A. Burd, William Sickles, Isaac F. Holton, Samuel Millard, William A. Ramsdell, Franklin Swift, John Weitman, Jerome Rider, Loomis Thayer, Major D. Gorton, Charles Madison, Albert L. Stevens, Charles G. Harrington, William W. Mead.—22. Total, 85.

TRENTON LODGE No. 33.

Past Grands.—Arthur Edwards, S. F. Atwood, Ira Davis, H. J. Alvord, Harry Saunders.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—Thomas Lewis, P. E. Saunders, William Davis, D. M. Donohoo, J. Hudson, M. S. Lathrop, Charles Fox, J. J. David, J. A. Rucker, J. C. Saunders, Orrin David, J. W. Keith, David Keith, John McDermott, Daniel Stout, J. B. Swift, H. Garatt, James Edgecomb, Henry Gaylord, H. Blakely, A. Parsons, Samuel Stewart, G. Fray, A. G. Campbell, A. T. Keith, A. C. Bovee, L. L. D. Rucker, J. G. Burbank, J. McLeod, T. J. Parks, T. F. Parks, J. B. Boyd.—32.

Blue Degree.—S. W. Minart, H. S. Allen, F. C. Stagg, J. Knight, L. Watson, J. G. Carsons, E. Williams, L. H. Burt, L. D. Covil, G. Saunders, A. David.—11.

Initiatory.—C. W. Beedle, L. W. Martin, E. B. Hichcock, F. M. Fray, J. Moon, T. H. Mears, R. T. Reynolds, James Forbes.—8. Total, 56.

BROOKLYN LODGE No. 34.

Past Grands.—William Jones, Lyman B. Brown, Day Jones, Norman S. Sparks, N. Fullington.—5.

Scarlet Degree.—Don Jones, W. B. Sherman, David Ingersoll, C. W. Ladd, George B. Tiffany, Henman Lester, A. R. Stanley, J. R. Crowell.—8.

Pink Degree.—Henry Bascom.—1.

White Degree.—Leonard Powers, William Powers, Edwin P. Rose.—3.

Initiatory.—J. A. Browning, Henry Monegan, Chester Warriner, J. H. Loundsbury, Isaac Powers, Michael Slater, Harrison G.

Pierce, Charles McArthur, Jerome Marsh, George H. Holmes, William Satterlee, Oscar Stoddard.—12. Total, 29.

LODGE OF THE LAKES No. 35.

No list of members returned.

CLINTON LODGE No. 36.

Past Grands.—Fielder S. Snow, Daniel Hixson, Danforth Keyes.—3.

Scarlet Degree.—E. W. Freese, B. K. Felton, John C. Roff, Albert G. Burton, Joseph J. Tucker, Anson Roff, Welcome V. Fisk, Othual Hall, James Galley, James Crampton, R. B. Royall, Henry Larzelere.—12.

Blue Degree.—N. D. Saxton, Horace A. Fisk.—2.

Pink Degree.—Hiram Saxton, John P. Silvers, Eli Vest.—3.

White Degree.—Amos Davis.—1.

Initiatory.—George W. Wisen, James C. Wainright, Reswell Belding, Morse K. Taylor, Albert F. Tuttle, Aaron D. Truesdale, Philip S. Howland.—7. Total, 28.

STURGIS PRAIRIE LODGE No. 37.

Past Grands.—Ira F. Packard, David Page, James F. Tefft.—3.

Scarlet Degree.—H. M. Vesey, H. S. Fisher, Stephen H. Chase, George D. Johnston, A. T. Drake, E. C. Chambers, Phineas Hatheway, Hiram Jacobs, Alemeron Jacobs, Grovenor Sears, John Aikin, George H. Dayton, Thomas B. Henry, Jonathan G. Wait, W. S. Ceye, Gershom B. Day, Whitney Hibbard, Benjamin C. Buck, George Carman, Daniel H. Roberts, P. H. Buck.—21.

Blue Degree.—John Henry, H. G. Bennett, John Langrick, B. F. Hibbard, Nathan Roberts, W. H. Sherman.—6.

Pink Degree.—Franklin Wesson, William C. Salmen, S. H. Wright, A. M. Henry.—4.

White Degree.—Augustus Johnson, Sylvester Treat, W. W. Wait, M. F. Secley.—4.

Initiatory.—George Walgamat, E. J. Reynolds, William H. Austin, C. Farrand, Robert T. Douglass, William A. Kent, John Morrison.—7. Total, 58.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE No. 38.

Past Grands.—George W. Pattison, Isaac S. Smith, William W. Howland, Minct T. Lane, William H. Langley.—5

Scarlet Degree.—Thomas Armstrong, William Walker, E. M. Cobb, O. H. Edgerton, E. P. Worden, Pliny Powers, Charles F. Loomis, Jerome B. Cory, T. J. Walker, Francis Bier, Cyrus Garrett, Henry Carrol, John Mathison, Henry Langley, Levi W. Beebe, E. M. Thompson, James E. Annin, C. J. Jones, William Robinson, Jason Braman, Isaac Larimer, George Lamb, George Fuller, Stephen H. Ives, Henry Cock, Francis Haig, Peter Dixon, B. F. Langdon, James Westway, Edward Post, William Barie, Orlando Stilson, Ebenezer Wilmet, Peter Denely.—34.

Green Degree.—Edward McMahon, Jerome Wild, J. P. Webb.—3.

Blue Degree.—M. R. Strong, John West, John Montgomery, Elias Hedstrom, George Wigg, John N. Ingersoll, David Amburgh, William Hopkins, S. P. Phillips, William Witherspoon, James Hart.—11.

Pink Degree.—A. W. Murray, William Blair, Samuel Lawyer, James Sutherland, A. Langelier, John Morris, Levi Carter, William Long.—8.

White Degree.—George McKenzie, Sellers Hittle, Palmer Hamilton, William Ives, D. C. M. Goodsell, Russel Robinson, S. B. Knapp, L. B. Millard, Mark Flanigan, John Green, Joseph Smith, Thomas Chafey, J. H. Stirkweather, J. L. Burton, C. F. Moore, William Adair, Lewis E. Lathrop, G. F. Dixon, John L. Andrews, John M. Davis, Nelson M. West.—21.

Initiatory.—Aaron Lovett, Benjamin Deidrich, William Peek, Samuel Burritt, Richard Jelley, Abel L. Roots, D. M. C. Nichols, William H. Meeker, Patrick Keefe, Benjamin Freeman, James Myers, B. Van Tiffin, Solomon Wesley, Jerome Priest, James Palmer, J. H. Hawes, William Greut, Thomas Fox, G. R. Hitchcock, Thomas J. Nelson, John Moroney, William Langley, Geo. Gardiner, Isaac Haviland, James Dorkes, J. P. Whiting, Robert Brown, E. G. Mixer, J. R. Durcey, Alphonso Humm, John C. Swift, J. McMichael, Theodore Mershen, N. C. McCollum, Abram D. Fish, John A. Gibson, A. Stewart, Joseph Waggoner, Nelson Cory, James Luff, Jacob Martin, Lyman Brown, Robert Montgomery.—43. Total, 125.

MILFORD LODGE No. 39.

Past Grands.—A. C. Baldwin, H. C. Andrews.—2.

Scarlet Degree.—Charles D. Childs, S. F. Hubbell, P. Wells, J. L. Andrews, T. Pudney, J. Taylor, O. Goodall, S. L. Murray, A. J. Deyo, E. F. Albright, G. W. Duning, Z. M. Mowry, W. L. Webber, J. G. Potter, C. L. Crosby, G. B. Van Riper.—16.

Blue Degree.—George E. Andrews, Asher Millard.—2.

Pink Degree.—W. L. Carlisle, L. D. McGinnis.—2.

Initiatory.—Charles Soulby, C. Thompson, C. W. Ruggles, James L. T. P. Fox, J. H. Hudson, J. E. Chambers, A. B. Adams, L. E. Waterbury, William McCollough, H. B. Mowry, Byron Rosseter, C. H. Coggeshall, James Pickett, George Durlin, H. Taylor, A. J. Andrews, Horace B. Hubbard, John Powers, M. F. Lockwood, John Kinney, W. C. Jones.—21. Total, 43.

UNADILLA LODGE No. 40.

Past Grands.—John Fulmer, B. M. Palmer.—2.

Scarlet Degree.—James P. Foster, William W. Collins, D. R. Glenn, Aaron Palmer, Solomon L. Bignall, F. M. Briggs, Daniel Barton, William Watts, O. D. Chapman, James W. Forshei, John P. Cleveland, Loren Babcock.—12.

White Degree.—James Striker, James Babcock.—2.

Initiatory.—Robert Glenn, Zenas Marsh, Martin M. Loron, John Glenn, James Gannt, William Livermore, Charles Burkheart, Stephen Dow, John K. Yocum, Nelson A. Glenn.—10. Total, 26.

UNION CITY LODGE No. 41.

No list of Members returned.

SAGINAW LODGE No. 42.

Past Grands.—W. L. P. Little, Jacob L. Woodruff.—2.

Scarlet Degree.—Isaiah Bookstaver, E. N. Davenport, A. F. Williams, G. D. Williams, J. H. Gotee, N. Gibson, C. Garratt, J. G. Sutherland, H. L. Murray, B. F. Smith, Peter Lane, P. McCullen.—12.

Blue Degree.—L. B. Curtis, George E. Smith.—2.

Initiatory.—H. L. Miller, B. F. Pierce, William H. Nelson, F. A. Leasia, Levi Chamberlin.—5. Total, 21.

 BYRON LODGE No. 43.

Past Grand.—Francis J. Prevost.—1.

Scarlet Degree.—B. W. Dennis, George C. Holmes, John N. Van Alstine, James Botsford, William S. Joslin, W. W. Wixom, Jay S. Curtis, J. R. Middlesworth, C. C. Mills, John H. McFarlin, N. Gulick, H. L. Drake, Thomas Culvert, W. H. Phillips, S. S. Derby, George B. Runyan, E. Bascom, T. Smith, H. A. Southerland, N. Turner, M. B. Martin, J. A. Williams.—22.

Pink Degree.—Nathaniel Kimball, James Pratt, J. H. Wendall, Theodore Barnum, H. B. Southard, Jared Lett, Loren Smith.—7.

Initiatory.—D. R. Hall, E. L. Buckingham, Reuben Huggins, L. H. Parsons, E. F. Wade, Samuel M. Warren, Dexter T. Johnson, David Smith, Robert Gilfillin, John Badgero, N. G. Phillips, John R. Walker, Alonzo Howard, A. P. Barnum, Isaac Barnum, Benjamin Welch.—16. Total, 46.

HOWELL LODGE No. 44.

Past Grand.—Josiah Turner.—1.

Scarlet Degree.—Loren K. Hewett, Lemuel Spooner, Elisha E. Hazard, James Mulloy, Joseph H. Pebbles, John B. Dillingham, Charles E. Elsworth, William B. Smith, John A. Wheeler, Fredk. J. Lee, Joseph B. Skilbeck, James Sweeney, John Kenyen, Jr., Norman W. Hodges, Stephen Clark, A. W. Smith, George A. Smith, David Blackman.—18.

Green Degree.—Chester Hazard.—1.

Blue Degree.—John D. Blank.—1.

Pink Degree.—Gabriel Scott, John M. Ten Eyck.—2.

White Degree.—Henry Carnes, Roswell Barnes.—2.

Initiatory.—Silas Beardsley, James Fitzgerald, John L. Wing, Henry H. Norton, Marvin Gaston, A. S. Hollister, L. M. Glover, William A. Torrance, B. M. Lawrence, William O. Archer, George Taylor, Austin Wakeman.—12. Total, 36.

CAPITOL LODGE No. 45.

Charter Members.—O. A. Jennison, D. Munger, D. E. Corbin, J. L. Fisher, Geo. I. Parsons, E. G. Gregg, M. N. Prichard.—7.

OTTAWA LODGE No. 46.

Charter Members.—James H. Ferry, John W. Barns, Henry Pennoyer, James Barns, William Corr, John W. Hopkins, C. B. Allbie, E. W. Barns, G. B. Woodbury, Dan Velsey.—10.

ORION LODGE No. 47.

Charter Members.—Uriah Beebe, Joseph Kingsland, Joseph A. Rowley, John Graves, W. W. Webb, E. R. Emmons.—6.

WAB-BUNNUNG LODGE No. 48.

Charter Members.—Samuel Hungerford, W. D. Whalen, R. McFarlin, Samuel Williams, E. Parker, A. V. n Valkenburgh, L. R. Mesher, S. F. Arnsbury, A. G. Stevens, A. F. Bedford.—10.

WYANDOTTE LODGE No. 10.*

Past Grands.—Benjamin Follett, John W. Van Cleve, Julius Movius, Chauncey Jeslin, Newton Edmunds, Otis H. Lee, George M. Osborn.—7.

Scarlet Degree.—William A. Hewitt, L. Decatur Norris, John McCreedy, John Ferrier, Wait H. Sanders, A. C. Frazier, R. E. Morse, O. A. Gibbs, Chas. King, J. R. Hawkins, D. Edwards, Philo Farrier, Benjamin J. Graham, A. Craddock, J. M. Brown, E. Scammon, M. M. Davis, A. C. Blodget, M. A. Parks, Charles Worden, Reuben Bess, R. D. Macey, Charles S. Woodard, Jas. M. Chidster, Parmenio Davis, A. G. Parkhurst, H. H. Bumpus, J. Fillmore, M. J. Lathrop, H. E. Champion, Dewitt C. Rowley, Wilkerson Brown, Alva Werden, Peter Miller, Alex. Ross, La Fayette Platt, George Taylor, Anthony E'y, Thomas Nicholl, Frederick Andrews, A'phonzo Platt, William Martin, George W. Gilbert, Thomas Wellman, J. K. Spring, John Lurgison.—16.

Pink Degree.—Moses L'Esperance, Philander Haskell, Chauncy Werden, Simon O'trander.—4.

Initiatory.—Alfred Davis, Benjamin Thompson, Justin Kellogg, William Sands, B. Emerick, J. Cody, L. E. C. Thern, G. W. Thern, Daniel Kellogg, J. W. Davis, F. W. Gookin, Charles A. Tower, O. S. Burt, A. G. Moulton, J. Durkee, H. Forbes, James Deming, N. Showerman, George Cock, E. S. Ormsby, George Cavill, J. P. Davis, A. S. Havens, James R. Ferguson, William Freeman, William Kenedy, Josiah Newell.—27. Total, 84.

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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN,

AND

GENERAL LAWS,

FOR GOVERNMENT OF

SUBORDINATE LODGES,

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ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.—*Style and Title.*

FIRST SECTION.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "The GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN," and shall consist, *only* of the Past-Grand Masters in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges in this State, Officers formally installed, and the Representatives of Lodges regularly chosen, and duly admitted, as required by this Constitution.

Powers.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship, within the State of Michigan, and is the supreme tribunal of the Order, in its jurisdiction. No Lodge can be formed or continue to exist without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power of granting Charters; of suspending and taking away Charters, at pleasure, for proper cause; of receiving appeals, and redressing grievances arising in Lodges; of originating and regulating the means of its own support; and of doing all such other acts, as are promotive of the interests of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the laws of the land.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERS.—*Qualifications for Membership.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Members of this Grand Lodge shall be Past-Grand Masters in good standing in their respective Subordinate Lodges in this State, Officers formally installed, and Past-Grands who have been duly and regularly elected as Representatives of Lodges in conformity with this Constitution, who shall receive the Grand Lodge Degree before taking their seats as members.

Clause 2d. Upon the elevation of any Member of the Grand Lodge to any elective office, his seat as Representative shall be vacated, and the Subordinate Lodge, which he represents, shall fill the vacancy by a new election.

Clause 3d. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Representative in the Grand Lodge. Every Lodge having fifty Members shall be entitled to two Representatives, and one Representative additional for every fifty Members. Every Past-Grand on certificate of his Lodge, shall be entitled to receive his degrees, and attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

Election of Members.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1st. Each Subordinate shall, at the last meeting in June of each year, elect by ballot, from among the Past-Grands who are in good standing, such number of them as the Lodge is entitled to, to serve as Representatives for one year from the third Wednesday of July ensuing.

Clause 2d. Subordinates may at any time elect from among their qualified Members, such additional Representatives as they may be entitled to, to serve until the next annual election; but such election shall not be had until the regular meeting after that on which the nomination shall have been made.

Clause 3d. Subordinate Lodges not having a qualified Past-Grand to serve as Representative, may choose in the same manner, and for the same term, or for a less term, any qualified Past-Grand of another Lodge, as a proxy Representative, who shall be invested with full powers as a Representative of the Subordinate so choosing, for the time being.

Clause 4th. No Member shall act as Representative and proxy Representative at the same time; nor shall any act as proxy for more than *one* Subordinate at the same time.

Of Expulsions.

THIRD SECTION.

Any Member or P. G. permitted to attend the sessions of the G. L. being guilty of conduct derogatory to the Order, in or out of the Grand Lodge, on being regularly convicted, shall be expelled from his seat as Representative and prevented from visiting the Grand Lodge; the expulsion to continue in force until the expiration of the then current official term. But should he be again elected to membership, after the expiration of the said official term, he shall not be liable to the previously had action of the Grand Lodge,—or to a new action for the same offence. The mode of trial in the Grand Lodge shall be the same as in Subordinates.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.—*Officers and mode of Election.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The elective Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

- 1st. M. W. Grand Master.
- 2d. R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
- 3d. R. W. Grand Warden.
- 4th. R. W. Grand Secretary.
- 5th. R. W. Grand Treasurer.
- 6th. R. W. Grand Chaplain.
- 7th. R. W. Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States; who shall be elected by ballot, annually, at the session in July.

Clause 2d. The appointed Officers shall consist of,

- 1st. W. Grand Marshal.
- 2d. W. Grand Conductor.
- 3d. W. Grand Guardian.
- 4th. And a W. District Deputy Grand Master for each Subordinate Lodge. All of which shall be appointed annually by the M. W. Grand Master, by and with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

Duty of Officers.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Most Worthy Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge; he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine; all questions of order, however, shall be subject to an appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge; he shall appoint all Grand Officers, *pro tempore*, and all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge; he shall give the casting vote in all cases, when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except when the vote is taken by Representation, in which case he shall be allowed a voice in the Representation to which he belongs; he shall appoint all Grand Officers, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for; he may order Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge, whenever the good of the Order may appear to require it, and shall call a Special Session, on the written request of seven members. After any sum of money has been voted, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same; he, or any of his Deputies, may grant dispensations, on the application of a Lodge, to confer degrees on a member, without delay; and, when officially visiting the Subordinates, he shall be received with the honors of the Order.

Clause 2d. The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master shall support the M. W. Grand Master in presiding, and, in his absence, shall fill the Chair for him. In the event of the resignation, death or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall become, *ex officio*, Grand Master, until the next Regular Session thereafter, and until the installation of a Grand Master.

Clause 3d. The Right Worthy Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge; he shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door; and, in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside; and he shall, *ex officio*, confer degrees on all Past-Officers qualified to receive them.

Clause 4th. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at every meeting, and transmit, immediately after the closing of the Regular Sessions, semi-annually, to the Subordinates, printed copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge

and its subordinates; receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge therefrom, and pay them over to the Grand Treasurer immediately; he shall notify each of the Subordinates of all the Regular and Special Sessions of the Grand Lodge, at least four weeks previous to the time of meeting; he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge may direct; he shall be, *ex officio*, Chairman of the Committee of Elections and Returns; and, for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be entitled to such salary as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

Clause 5th. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary: he shall make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; he shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner, exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts; the purposes and amounts of disbursements, and to whom paid; and he shall have his accounts closed at every Regular Session, and submit them to the Grand Lodge. He shall transmit by the Grand Secretary, semi-annually, to the Subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts; and he shall execute to the first three named Grand Officers, in trust, bonds, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of the trust.

Clause 6th. The Right Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the Sessions of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of opening and closing the same, according to his office.

Clause 7th. The Right Worthy Grand Representatives shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and faithfully represent the wishes of the Grand Lodge therein; and they shall be entitled to a sum sufficient to bear their necessary expenses, while in attendance on their duties; and they shall be furnished with certificates of election, in the form required by Article X. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Clause 8th. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall assist the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, in supporting the M. W. Grand Master in the Grand Lodge; he shall attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the Subordinates, when requested to do so by that officer;

issue his proclamations, when necessary, and obey his commands ; and he shall have charge of all Grand Processions.

Clause 9th. The Worthy Grand Conductor shall assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and in preserving order therein.

Clause 10th. The Worthy Grand Guardian shall attend at the outward door of the Grand Lodge, and permit none to enter or depart, without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

Clause 11th. The Worthy District Deputy Grand Masters shall be the organs of the Grand Master, in their respective Subordinate Lodges; each shall have power to grant Dispensations to his own Lodge, for conferring degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted, when circumstances require it; and it shall be their duty to see that the work of the Order is performed correctly—to install the Officers in their several Lodges, or cause it to be done by qualified Past-Grands, unless the same shall be done by the G. M. in person. They shall see that their several Lodges, respectively, forward to the Grand Secretary the Reports required by the Grand Lodge, in due time; and any District Deputy Grand Master shall, at the request of the Grand Master, proceed to institute new Lodges and install the officers. They shall report, semi-annually, to the Grand Master, in writing. The Grand Master shall lay the Reports before the Grand Lodge, at the next regular meeting.

Clause 12th. All Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this Constitution, perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

Qualifications for Office.

THIRD SECTION.

Any Past-Grand in good standing, under the jurisdiction of this Lodge, having received the Grand Lodge and all the Official Degrees, shall be eligible for any Grand Office, except for Grand Representative, for which he shall not be eligible unless he has attained the R. P. Degree; and no Brother shall be eligible to two Elective Offices at the same time.

Mode of Election.

FOURTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. On the day of election, each member of this Grand

Lodge, Past-Grands duly qualified and in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, may deposit a ballot for a Candidate for the Office to be filled; the ballots shall then be counted, and the three Brothers having the highest number of ballots, shall be the Candidates.

Clause 2d. All Elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately by a majority of the valid votes given. If neither Candidate has such a majority, the balloting shall be continued, but the Candidate having the lowest number, shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot.

Clause 3d. In balloting, the Grand Secretary shall call the Roll, beginning with the P. G. Masters by seniority, the Officers elect in rotation, Appointed Officers, the Representatives and duly qualified Past-Grands of Lodge No. 1, and continue in the order of Lodges successively. Each Representative and qualified Past-Grand shall deposit his vote when the name of his Lodge is called; and should there be more ballots than voters, the balloting shall be void, and a new one shall be had.

Installation.

FIFTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Grand Officers shall be installed at any time during the session, that the Grand Lodge may determine. The present Grand Master, or any Past-Grand Master, or the senior member present, shall install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

Clause 2d. All Grand Officers shall be installed to serve until the next Annual Session, and the installation of their successors.

Removal.

SIXTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office, for conduct not worthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his Office; but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present, shall be necessary for removal.

Clause 2d. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Should the Grand Master be un-

der charges, a Past-Grand Master, if one be présent, shall preside, while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration.

Vacancies.

SEVENTH SECTION.

All vacancies in the offices, occasioned by death, resignation or removal, shall be filled in the manner heretofore prescribed, and for the residue of the term.

Standing Committees.

EIGHTH SECTION.

Clause 1st. There shall be appointed at each Annual Session, the following standing committes, viz :

1st. Committee on Elections and Returns.

2d. Committee on Finance.

3d Committee on Correspondence.

4th. Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges.

5th. Committee on the state of the Order.

Clause 2d. The Committee on Elections and Returns shall consist of the Grand Secretary and two members who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, who is holding over, or the incumbent of the Chair at the time of the opening of the session ; and it shall be its duty to examine and report to the Grand Lodge without delay, on the regularity of the returns of the Subordinates, on the election and eligibility of members, and on the number of Past-Grands holding regular certificates from Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 3d. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge ; and whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge ; to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer semi-annually, and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

Clause 4th. The Committee on correspondence shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and to suggest any measures in the nature of the business of their appointment.

Clause 5th. Every matter of appeal or grievance from Lodges or members of Lodges, shall be referred to a Special Committee, subject to the challenge, for reasons given, of either party interested; whose duty it shall be, to investigate fully, and report thereon, such action as may be necessary, in the Grand Lodge; and if the report of such Committee be in favor of a new trial by a Committee of the Grand Lodge, such Committee appointed in pursuance thereof, shall be subject to the challenge of either party interested, for cause shown.

Clause 6th. The Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of three members, appointed by the Grand Master, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge; whose duty it shall be, carefully to inspect and examine all Constitutions and By-Laws submitted to the Grand Lodge by Subordinate Lodges, and determine whether they are in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and with the usages of the Order, and report accordingly to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 7th. The Committee on the state of the Order shall consist of three members appointed by the Grand Master, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge, to whom shall be referred all questions which may come up before this Grand Lodge from its subordinates, requiring the decision of this Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to report thereon at the same session.

ARTICLE IV.

OF SESSIONS, &c.—Sessions.

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. The Grand Lodge shall hold two Regular Sessions in each year, viz: on the third Wednesdays of July and January, respectively; the first of which shall be distinguished as the Annual Session, the other as Semi-Annual Session. The Grand Lodge shall hold Special Sessions, at the call of the Grand Master, and, during any of the Sessions, it may adjourn from time to time, until the business of the Session shall be disposed of. And all Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held at the city of Detroit.

Clause 2d. At the "Annual Session," the Subordinates shall have their reports, returns and sums due, presented as required by

these Articles ; new members shall be admitted to their seats ; the Grand Officers shall be elected ; and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge may be transacted.

Clause 3d. At the "*Semi-Annual Session*," the reports, returns and dues of Subordinates, as required to be delivered by these Articles, shall be received and acted on ; new members shall be admitted by certificate from Subordinate Lodges ; and any other business transacted, which may come before the Grand Lodge.

Clause 4th. At "*Special Sessions*" no business shall be transacted except that for which the Session has been called, which shall be distinctly stated in the notification to Lodges ; but no business at a Special Session shall be so acted on, as to involve the expenditure of money, unless three-fourths of the legal Representatives be present.

Clause 5th. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened, unless there be present and continue in session, *seven* members, and such *seven* members shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Working Degrees.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, at all times when engaged in any business of the Order, unless when installing Grand Officers, when, by resolution, it may be opened in the Scarlet degree, for the duration of that ceremony, in order to permit the presence of brothers of that rank in the Order.

Votes.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1st. All questions before the Grand Lodge, except those of removal from office, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the members present ; unless when the Representations of two Subordinates require the vote to be taken by Representations ; in which case it shall be determined by a majority of Representations of Lodges present : *Provided, however,* That no election of Grand Officers shall take place by Representations in any case.

Clause 2d. The Representation of each Lodge which has only reported to the Grand Lodge, at the then Session, *fifty members or*

more full in membership, shall be entitled to *two votes*; when questions are determined by Representations; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the Representatives of each Subordinate separately, and a majority of those present shall be deemed the vote of the Lodge they represent. When the members of a Representation are equally divided on any question, the Lodge they represent shall be deemed as not giving a vote. The ayes and noes shall be recorded when the vote is taken by Representations.

ARTICLE V.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—*Duties, &c.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1st. On the written application of five or more brothers of the Order, at least two of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, praying for a charter to open a Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and on the payment of *thirty dollars* therefor, such Lodge shall receive its Charter, and the necessary charges, lectures and instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, or the W. D. D. Grand Master of the district in which it may be located, or by a Past-Grand specially deputed, whose expense, if any, shall be borne by the Lodge so opened.

Clause 2d. At the end of each term all Lodges shall prepare a report for the Grand Lodge, to be presented at the succeeding Regular Session, containing the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, reinstated and deceased; together with the number of Degrees conferred; the whole number in membership, the amount of the receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 3d. At the Annual Session, each Lodge shall report, in addition, up to the first day of July, annually, a full return of members ranked according to Degrees taken; and a statement of the number of brothers relieved, widowed families relieved, and brothers buried, and the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans.

Clause 4th. No Lodge shall admit a proposition from, or initiate any person, unless he be twenty-one years of age.

Clause 5th. Any P. G. presenting a certificate in the form required by Art. 2, Sec. 8, of By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to attend the sitting of this Grand Lodge, and to have conferred upon him the G L. and P. O. degrees of the offices which he is certified to have held.

Dues.

SECOND SECTION.

Each Subordinate shall pay to the Grand Lodge, semi-annually, as dues *five per centum* on all amounts received for initiation, depositing cards, degrees and dues; and it is expressly provided that the Grand Lodge shall not have claims on any sums received as interest on investments, or widow and orphan fund, or education tax, or special donations. And in case the funds of the Grand Lodge shall fail, the deficiency shall be made up by assessments on the Subordinates.

Districts.

THIRD SECTION.

The Grand Lodge shall, as occasion may require, arrange the Subordinates into convenient Districts; for the more advantageous administration of the superintending powers of the Grand Master; and to define the extent over which the W. D. D. Grand Masters exercise their functions.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.—*Constitution.*

FIRST SECTION.

No alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution, except at the Annual Session, and unless the same has been proposed in writing and seconded at a previous Regular Session, in which case it may be passed by the votes of three-fourths of the members present.

By-Laws, &c.

SECOND SECTION.

The Grand Lodge may adopt, or amend, at any Regular Session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order for the governing thereof, as two-thirds of the members present shall approve, to take effect after the close of the Session, at which they may be ad-

opted : *Provided*; Such Laws and Rules shall not, in any way, contravene this Constitution, or violate the principles of the Order.

ARTICLE VII.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

FIRST SECTION.

The M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Warden and the R. W. Grand Secretary shall form an Executive Committee, with power to receive and act on petitions for establishing Lodges, presented in the intervals of the Sessions; and the M. W. Grand Master may, at the request of a majority of said Committee, issue Dispensations for the same, which shall be valid, if confirmed at the next Regular Session of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF CHARTERS OF SUBORDINATES.

FIRST SECTION.

The M. W. Grand Master, in addition to the powers heretofore granted, shall have the power to demand the Charter of any Subordinate Lodge, whenever he shall see sufficient cause so to do, and the work of such Subordinate Lodge shall be suspended, until the case shall be considered by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.

CONSTITUTION.

When to take Effect &c.

This Constitution shall go into effect from and after the Regular Session in January, 1847.

The Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall, upon receipt of this Constitution, proceed to elect from among their Past-Grands, duly qualified, such number of Representatives as they may be entitled to, according to their report to this Grand Lodge, for the term ending December 31, 1846, to serve until the third Wednesday in July, 1847: such election to be had in the manner prescribed in Article 2, Section 2, clause 2, for the election of additional Representatives.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The R. W. Grand Lodge will convene at the Annual and Semi-Annual Sessions, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the session is completed, unless otherwise ordered, specially, by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. Within thirty minutes after the time of meeting, the presiding Grand Master shall proceed to open the Grand Lodge, should there be a quorum present; and at the expiration of that time, should there not be a quorum, the members assembled can organize informally, and adjourn the meeting until the next day, at the hour specified in Section first.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, the Chair may be taken, *pro tem.*, by any member of the Grand Lodge, who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 4. The Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed with prayer.

ARTICLE II.

OF SUBORDINATES.

SEC. 1. Should any Subordinate Lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article 5, Clause 2, of the Constitution, for one year, it shall be deemed an

extinct Lodge, and its Charter shall be forfeited. It shall be the duty of the Subordinates to make out their Regular Returns, and deliver them to the Installing Officer previous to instalation.

SEC. 2. The funds, properties, &c., of Subordinate Lodges, having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren, and other charitable uses in the order, are not liable to be divided, in any manner, among the members individually, or between one Lodge and another, that may branch from it, but shall remain, for its legitimate purposes, the property of the Lodge, so long as its Charter is unreclaimed, and five brothers remain in good standing in the Lodge.

SEC. 3. In all cases where a Lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its Charter shall have been forfeited, the Charter, funds, books, properties, and effects of all kinds, shall revert to the Grand Lodge. And it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers of such Lodge, to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or to the brother by him deputed to receive them, such funds and other effects as the Lodge may have claim to.

SEC. 4. Members of a defunct Lodge, who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such Lodge, or who may have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in another Lodge: *Provided*, That no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled Lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 5. Any Lodge or brother who shall be concerned in organizing, or who shall give countenance and support to, or shall visit any Lodge, in Michigan, purporting to be a Lodge of Odd Fellows, and not possessing a legal, unreclaimed, and valid Charter, duly granted and presented or confirmed by this Grand Lodge, shall be deemed unworthy of fellowship; and such brother, upon satisfactory proof, shall be suspended or expelled, at the option of the Lodge of which he is a member. And any brother, so suspended or expelled, shall not be reinstated unless the Grand Lodge assents thereto; nor shall any person, who has been in membership in any spurious or illegal Lodge, be received into any regular lodge without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 9. Any member of the Order who shall have painted on his signs any of the emblems of the Order, or otherwise exhibit them on the same, or shall have them printed or engraved on his business card, or expose them in any public place as a sign, shall (if the offence be persisted in, after the Lodge of which he is a member shall have given him notice to desist from such practice,) be suspended or expelled, agreeably to a vote of the Lodge.

SEC. 10. Subordinate Lodges shall not receive applications for membership from petitioners residing in a township or city other than that in which the Lodge is situated to which application is made, if another Lodge be located nearer their place of residence. The same rule shall hold in reference to application by deposit of card.

SEC. 11. No Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall alter its night of meeting without previously obtaining the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. No person shall have membership in more than one Subordinate Lodge at the same time ; nor shall any Lodge confer Degrees upon a member of another Lodge, without the consent of the Lodge to which the member belongs, given under its seal.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master shall forward through the D. D. G. M. of each district to be delivered to the several Lodges on the night of installation, a term pass word for each term.

SEC. 3. The Constitution and By-Laws of each Lodge, chartered by this Grand Lodge, immediately on their adoption, shall be forwarded to this Grand Lodge for its approval.

COURSE OF BUSINESS.

1. The Presiding Officer having taken his station, the officers and members shall take their appropriate seats, and at the sound of the Gavel, there shall be general silence.

2. The Grand Lodge shall be opened in due form.

3. The roll of Officers and Representatives shall be called.

4. Certificates shall be received and referred to the proper standing committee for immediate action.

5. The Side Degrees, and the Grand Lodge Degree shall be conferred upon duly qualified applicants.

6. The minutes shall be read and disposed of.

7. Reports of Grand Officers shall be read and referred to the appropriate standing committees.

8. Communications shall be read, and such as are not merely formal, shall be referred to the proper standing committee.

9. Appeals shall be presented and referred to the proper standing committee.

10. The Subordinate Lodges shall be called in their order, and each may, through its Representative or Representatives, present any business, which shall be referred to the appropriate standing committees.

11. The standing committees shall report in their order.

12. Special committees shall report.

13. Unfinished and new business shall come up.

14. The Grand Lodge shall be closed in due form.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Minutes may be confirmed in part, and the remainder shall be referred to the head of unfinished business.

2. No motion shall be open to debate until it has been seconded, and reduced to writing, and stated by the Chair.

3. Every member, when he offers a motion or speaks, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair.

4. Members shall always confine themselves, while speaking to the question before the Grand Lodge, avoiding personalities and indecorous language as well as reflections upon the constituted authorities of the Order, and of this Grand Lodge.

5. Should a member be called to order while speaking, he shall resume his seat until the question of order shall be decided, when if the decision be in his favor he may proceed again.

6. Should two or more members rise about the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

7. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, except by unanimous permission of the Grand Lodge.

8. Any member may call for a division of the question, when the same will admit thereof.

9. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed, and so down, but in other cases, the consideration of amendments shall begin with the last and end with the first.

10. When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received unless it be to adjourn, to refer, the previous question, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to amend, and the motions enumerated shall take precedence, in the order of enumeration.

The first four shall be decided without debate.

11. When a motion or resolution has been once negatived, or indefinitely postponed, it shall not be again brought before the Grand Lodge, at the same session, but a motion to reconsider the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, shall nevertheless be in order, under the rule hereinafter laid down.

12. A call for the previous question must be sanctioned by a majority of the members present, which shall be ascertained thus: The Presiding Officer shall ask: "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the main question?" And if a majority of the members present rise in answer, the question shall be immediately taken on the original proposition with the amendments already adopted.

13. Before putting a question, except under the provision of Rule 12, the Presiding Officer shall ask: "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" and if no member shall rise to speak, the question shall be put.

14. After the Presiding Officer has risen to put a question, and while he is addressing the Grand Lodge, no member of the Grand Lodge shall attempt to speak, walk out of, or across the room, or hold private conversation.

15. No member shall be excused from voting or serving on committees, except by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

16. Except when the Laws of the Grand Lodge provide otherwise, all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes.

17. Should the decision of a question be doubtful, the Presid-

ing Officer may, of his own motion, or on the call of any member, order a division of the Grand Lodge.

18. On the call of one-fifth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered and recorded.

19. Motions to reconsider must be made and seconded by members who voted with the majority. Such motions must be made at the same meeting with the decision objected to, or at the next meeting thereafter, and the vote on the reconsideration shall be final.

20. Members, when speaking of other members, shall use their appropriate designations, according to standing in the Lodge.

21. The decision of points of order shall be originally with the Presiding Officer, but any member may appeal from such decision to the Grand Lodge, and the question shall then be: "Is the decision of the Chair the judgment of the Grand Lodge?" which shall be determined without debate.

GENERAL LAWS,
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES,
With amendments to close of January Session, 1850.

GENERAL LAWS,

For the government of Subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the State of Michigan.

PREAMBLE.—For the purpose of effecting as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order, within its jurisdiction, the *Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan*, the supreme tribunal of Odd Fellowship in this State, without whose sanction and control no Lodge can exist within its limits, ordains the following Articles *for the government of Subordinate Lodges*.

ARTICLE I.

Lodges shall be constituted by at least five members, *two of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree*, and shall be hailed and entitled Lodge, No. , I. O. O. F., and shall possess the full power and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed Dispensation or *Charter*, duly granted, and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.—*Admissions, &c.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. No person shall be permitted to become a member of any Lodge unless he be a free white male, not under twenty-one

years of age, of good moral character, who believes in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; be free from disease, and have some known, reputable means of support, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Clause 2. The name of a person offered for initiation, must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence and business; which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report at the succeeding regular meeting, when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots, and if no BLACK ball appear against him, he shall be elected; but if two or more appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared. But to prevent mistakes which may occur, the balloting may be gone into a second time previous to the result being declared. Should one black ball appear, the balloting shall be deferred one week.

Clause 3. A brother who may have withdrawn from his Lodge, may be again admitted to membership by a vote of his Lodge, and the payment of his dues from the time of his withdrawal to the date of his re-admission. His card of clearance shall also be returned to the Lodge.

Clause 4. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the Lodges in the same and adjoining counties; and no person so rejected shall be again balloted for in any Lodge, for the space of six months.

Clause 5. A brother of the Order wishing to become a member, shall present his card from the Lodge of which he was a member, which shall be referred to a Committee of three and in all other respects disposed of, as provided by Clause 2, for applicants, and on being admitted, shall pay a sum not less than one dollar.

Clause 6. An Ancient Odd Fellow, whose card is out of date, or which may have been lost, can be admitted as provided in Clause 5, paying into the "Lodge Fund" a sum not less than five dollars, conforming to the "Special Direction" of the work of the Order, and to such other regulations as the N. G. may direct.

Clause 7. A Lodge having elected a person to membership, who is, prior to his admission, found to be unworthy, may refuse to initiate him—may reconsider their vote and reject him.

Contributions and Benefits.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The regular contributions to the Lodge Fund shall not be at a less rate than $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents per week, to be determined by the By-Laws, as well as the amount for Education Fund and Funeral Tax; and the Lodge shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined, for twelve months.

Clause 2. Every *bona fide* member who shall be qualified as required by the By-Laws, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge.

Clause 3. In case of the death of a brother, who shall be qualified as provided in Clause two, there shall be allowed from the Lodge, a sum not less than thirty dollars, to defray the expenses of burial, which shall be paid over without delay to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The N. G. in the absence of competent relations, shall take charge of the funeral, and receive account of disbursements.

Clause 4. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified, as provided by Clause two, he shall be entitled to a sum not less than fifteen dollars, for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.

Penalties and Trial.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member of a Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence, be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment to the Lodge.

Clause 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother, in proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers, be brought before the Lodge, they shall be referred to a Special

Committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the implicated brother ; and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question ; and if not involving the expulsion or suspension of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision, to the Lodge, it shall be final without other action from the Lodge. Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for that purpose, to the Lodge for action.

Clause 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a brother shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to the action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Lodge, at the time when it may have been determined to consider the question ; at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine it ; two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried ; and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Clause 5. When the decision of a Committee appointed under Clause three, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Lodge ; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge ; and the Lodge shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee by a majority of votes present.

Clause 6. Any Brother, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial ; and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

Clause 7. Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all Lodges in the vicinity ; and a brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.—*Elected and Appointed Officers.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. The elected Officers of a Lodge shall consist of N. G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each ; and such number of Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of Michigan, as the Lodge may be entitled to under the Constitution of said Grand Lodge, to serve for one year from the third Wednesday of July ensuing their election, except when elected to fill vacancies, or as additional Representatives, in which case they shall serve until the close of the official year.

Clause 2. The appointed Officers shall consist of a W., C., I. G., O. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R., and L. S. S., who shall serve a regular term each ; and may appoint a Chaplain at their option.

Duties of Officers.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. The duties of the various Officers shall be as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Clause 2. A Permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the Lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members ; but the Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform all other duties of the office.

Elections, &c.

THIRD SECTION.

Clause 1. No brother shall be eligible to the Chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term as V. G.; nor shall any brother be eligible to the Chair of the V. G. unless he has served twenty-six nights in some inferior office.

Clause 2. All Elective Officers, and the W. and O. G. shall have attained to the Scarlet Degree previous to installation.

Clause 3. Nominations for the Elective Offices shall be made

only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the elections, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Clause 4. No Past-Officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past, when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such office, except the Representatives to the Grand Lodge, the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.

Clause 5. Officers, except Representatives to the Grand Lodge, shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and shall be installed at the first meeting in the succeeding one.

Representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be elected at the last regular meeting in June, in each year, except in case of vacancies and additional Representatives, who may be elected at any time to serve until the close of the official year, provided such election shall not be had until the regular meeting after that on which the nomination shall have been made.

Clause 6. Any Officer, except Representative to the Grand Lodge, absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge. Any office becoming vacant, shall be filled by a person who was eligible thereto on the commencement of the term during which the vacancy occurred. Nominations shall be made on the meeting previous to election, and Officers so elected and serving, shall alone receive the honors of such office for the term.

ARTICLE IV.

TERMS AND RETURNS.—*Terms.*

FIRST SECTION.

Regular Annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in July; and the regular Semi-Annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January of each year; and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Returns.

SECOND SECTION.

Clause 1. It shall be the duty of the last Past-Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a regular re-

port of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, reinstated, and deceased; together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of Officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. It shall be the duty of the Lodge also to forward to the Grand Lodge, in like manner, up to the first day of July, annually, a full return of the members of the Lodge, ranked according to the Degrees attained, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved by the Lodge in the past year, the number of widowed families relieved, the number of brothers buried, with the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, designating that paid for education of orphans.

Forfeiture of Charter.

THIRD SECTION.

Should a Lodge fail to make its returns, as required by the second section of this Article, for three successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall become the duty of the last installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to receive them,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

DEGREES.—*Eligibility for Degrees*

FIRST SECTION.

Brothers who have been in membership one month shall be eligible for degrees; but not more than three degrees shall be conferred on a brother at the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proven.

Rates of Degrees.

SECOND SECTION.

No degree shall be conferred until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor, which shall not be less than the fol-

lowing rate, viz: Two Dollars each for the first four degrees, and three Dollars for the fifth degree.

ARTICLE VI.

OF AMENDMENTS.—*Amendment.*

FIRST SECTION.

Clause 1. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2. These Articles, nor any part thereof, shall be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, except on motion, made in Grand Lodge, and adopted by the Representatives of a majority of the Lodges present.

By-Laws.

SECOND SECTION.

Lodges shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

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OF DECISIONS IN THE GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN,

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ARTICLE I. MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1.

ADMISSIONS.

1. Any member of a Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, who shall *urge or solicit* any person to petition for membership in any Lodge, shall be reprimanded, fined, suspended, or expelled, at the option of the Lodge of which he is a member.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 64—(Jan. Session, 1845.)*

2. A proposition for membership, in a subordinate Lodge, being under consideration, and *one* black ball appearing, the box cannot be passed a second time for the candidate on the same evening.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 175.—(Jan. Session, 1847.)*

3. After the balloting on a candidate for membership in a subordinate Lodge has commenced, and on the first ballot *two* or more black balls appear, the second ballot cannot be deferred until a subsequent meeting.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 175.—(Jan. Session, 1847.)*

4. In balloting for members in a subordinate Lodge, a vote (ballot) cannot be reconsidered, although it is ascertained that an illegal vote has been given.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 214.—(July Session, 1847.)*

5. In a case where but one black ball appears on a ballot for a candidate, and a brother acknowledges having voted it by accident, it is not competent for him to change his vote.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 247-248.*

6. After a petition has been presented to a subordinate Lodge for admission, and referred to the usual Committee, and that committee refuses to report upon the application, it may be remanded to the same or a new committee, but a motion for the indefinite postponement of the committee cannot be entertained.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 348.—(Jan. Session, 1848.)*

7. The name of a candidate presented for initiation and membership, may be withdrawn after being referred to a committee, but not subsequent to their report; nor can the Lodge postpone the balloting by a vote, but may refer it back to the committee before balloting.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 449; and Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, pp. 157–182.*

8. Subordinate Lodges are requested not to initiate or receive as a member, any person residing out of the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 444.*

9. A subordinate Lodge has not the right to receive applications from, or to initiate persons residing nearer another Lodge. The Grand Lodge has power to punish for this violation, upon a proper representation of facts.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 290.—(July Session, 1848.)*

10. If a person makes application for membership to a Lodge located at the place where he does his business, the Lodge cannot initiate the applicant if his residence be nearer another Lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 302.—(July Session, 1848.)*

11. A petition for membership is not to be received by a Lodge, unless there be one or more names of persons recommending the applicant attached to it.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 348.—(Jan. Session, 1849.)*

12. Ministers of the Gospel may be initiated without charge.—*Usage.*

13. It is not expedient to initiate into the Order any member deprived of the senses of sight or hearing, or the power of speech.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, pp. 349–362.*

14. It is not necessary for charter members to pay an admission fee the same as brothers joining a Lodge by Card.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 394.—(July Session, 1849.)*

15. When a brother holding a withdrawal Card, seeks re-admission into his Lodge, he may be again received into membership by a majority vote of the Lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 393.—(July Session, 1849.)*

16. A vote granting a withdrawal Card cannot be re-considered. The brother must come before the Lodge with the usual application for admission.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 285–300.—(July Session, 1848.)*

17. The Lodge granting a visiting or withdrawal Card, has power to recall or annul the same for good cause.—*(Usage.)*

18. No Lodge is bound to receive a Card on deposit, (that is, to admit the holder to membership,) but such cases are to be governed by the local authorities.—*(Usage.)*

19. If a brother present a withdrawal Card from a neighboring Lodge for membership, and is rejected, he stands in the same relation to the Order as one rejected when applying for initiation.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 285–300.—(July Session, 1848.)*

20. A brother holding a withdrawal Card, can deposit the same in a

Lodge of a different State than that in which he resides: *provided* the Lodge nearest the place of such brother's residence, and the jurisdiction under which it exists, first give their consent.—*Pros. G. L., U. S., Vol. 3, pp. 278–327.*

21. A subordinate Lodge may receive on deposit a Card of Clearance, although the Lodge from which the Card emanated be under suspension or expulsion, *provided* said Lodge did not labor under this disability when the Card was granted.—*Pros. G. L., U. S., Vol. 3, pp. 348–362.*

22. If a brother be rejected upon application for membership in a subordinate Lodge by Card, the Card should be returned to the brother so applying.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 458, and G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, pp. 277–327.*

23. A subordinate Lodge has no right to admit a suspended Brother to any of its meetings.—*Pros. G. L.—(July Session, 1850.)*

SECTION II.

CARDS.

1. No subordinate Lodge can refuse a Card of Withdrawal, when the brother is free from the books, and no charges are preferred against him.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 119.—(April Session, 1846.)*

2. The vote of a subordinate Lodge, granting a withdrawal Card to a brother, severs the connection of such brother with the Order, and relieves the Lodge granting it from all liability for benefits, whether the Card is actually taken or not. But if the Card be taken the brother receiving it is entitled to the A. T. P. W. in use at the time, and retains the right to visit for the period specified in the withdrawal Card.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 164.—(Jan. Session, 1847.)*

3. A vote of the Lodge is required in the granting of a withdrawal Card.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 348.—(July Session, 1849.)*

4. When a Visiting Card is granted, it should be returned to the Lodge before a Withdrawal Card is allowed.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 393.—(July Session, 1849.)*

5. When the time has expired for which a Visiting Card was granted, it is the duty of the brother holding it to return it to the Lodge which granted it.—*Usage.*

6. A brother has the right to withdraw his application for a final Card at any time previous to a vote upon it.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, pp. 350–389.*

7. A brother holding a withdrawal Card has no right to join a procession of the Order without the consent of the Lodge by whom the procession is formed.—*Pros. G. L., U. S., Vol. 3, p. 381.*

8. A vote granting a withdrawal Card is not legal if the Brother to whom it was granted was not clear of the Books. (*Pros. G. L.—(July Session, 1850.)*)

9. A vote granting a withdrawal Card is legal, although the Brother to whom the Card was granted, is an Officer, and has not resigned his office.—*Pros. G. L.*—(*July Session, 1850.*)

10. For form of examining visiting brothers see proceedings of Grand Lodge, Vol. 1., pp. 39–105.

SECTION III.

PASS WORDS.

1. As a general rule the T. P. W. can only be given by the N. G. to members of his own lodge, but when brothers are suddenly called from home without time to make personal application for their visiting cards it is proper to accompany the card, when forwarded, by a letter from the N. G. of the lodge granting it, to the N. G. of some Lodge in the place where the travelling brother is visiting, requesting that the P. W. should be communicated.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 2., p. 454.*

2. A brother cannot enter a Lodge without the P. W. of the regular term, or by leave of the N. G.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 289.*—(*July session, 1848.*)

3. The N. G. of a subordinate Lodge cannot withhold the semi-annual P. W. from members who are in arrears for assessments levied for *special purposes only*.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 298.*—(*July session 1848.*)

4. A brother is entitled to the P. W. although in debt to the Lodge for monies received or otherwise, provided his dues are promptly paid.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 349.*—(*July session 1849.*)

5. A brother retiring from the Lodge room, is not required, on returning again the same evening to give any other than the V. G.'s P. W. for the night.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 395.*—(*July session 1849.*)

SECTION IV.

DUES AND BENEFITS.

1. When an Odd Fellow applies for and obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, the amount of benefit granted, shall be endorsed on his card and the Lodge to which he belongs shall be notified of the amount so granted.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 163.*—(*Jan. session 1847.*)

2. A member of a subordinate Lodge is entitled to funeral benefits on the decease of his wife, previous to his having been a member three months, *provided*, he is a member in good standing, and clear of the books, and *provided* also the by-laws do not forbid it.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 219.*—(*July session 1847.*)

3. A brother who brings upon himself sickness or disease of any kind by a too frequent indulgence in intoxicating drinks, or by other unlawful or immoral practices, is not entitled to benefits from the lodge to which he belongs, although no charges have been preferred against him, and his dues have been regularly paid to, and received by the lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 262.*—(*January session 1848.*)

4. The question as to liability for expenses incurred by a subordinate Lodge, for funeral benefits, other than that expressed in the constitution and by-laws, is left to the discretion of the presiding officer of such Lodge, the Grand Lodge having no jurisdiction.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 289.*—(July session 1848.)

5. The power to decide upon the evidence required by a subordinate Lodge, for a brother to prove sickness while travelling out of the jurisdiction of his Grand Lodge, and claiming benefits therefor, is vested in such subordinate Lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp 285-300.*—(July session 1848.)

6. A subordinate Lodge cannot suspend the granting of benefits any length of time.—*Genl. laws, art. 2, sec. 2.*—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 347.*—(Jan. session 1849.)

7. A funeral benefit is legal if paid to the widow of a deceased brother, who is in arrears for dues beyond the limit prescribed in the by-laws of a subordinate Lodge, if the vote granting the benefit is unanimous.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 348.*—(Jan. session 1849.)

8. The Grand Lodge has no jurisdiction over the mode of paying funeral benefits by subordinate Lodges.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp 289-299.*

9. When the by-laws of a Lodge expressly provide that the non-payment of dues for a specified time, shall disable its members from receiving funeral or other benefits, such lodge cannot by resolution remit such dues, or appropriate from its general fund the amount of arrears, and in this manner entitle him to a benefit otherwise forfeited.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 394.*—(July session 1849.)

10. A brother who is in arrears for assessments levied for special purposes, is entitled to his weekly and other benefits, provided he is in all other respects qualified.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 298.*—(July session 1848.)

11. A brother who has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be deprived by the rules of his lodge from drawing benefits while sick, cannot be permitted while he continues sick to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle himself to benefits.—(*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 184.*)

12. A brother is not entitled to benefits after taking a withdrawal card, on the ground that the card was imperfect in its form.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 449.*

13. A benefit which has accrued to a brother for sickness, is not forfeited by non-payment of dues which have accrued since he was entitled to such benefit.—(*Ibid.*)

14. Suspension of membership by act of a Lodge as a means of punishment, works no suspension of arrears, but the arrears run on during the time of suspension.—(*Usage.*)

15. It is the duty of a Visiting Committee to report the case of a Brother who was sick during a previous term. (*Pros. G. L. (July Session, 1850.)*)

16. A Brother, while under suspension, is entitled to receive benefits which accrued while he was in good standing.—*Pros. G. L. (July Session, 1850.)*

17. The Grand Lodge has power or authority to compel a subordinate Lodge to provide, in their by-laws, for the payment of weekly benefits to sick members.—*Pros. G. L. (July Session, 1850.)*

SECTION V.

PENALTIES AND TRIALS.

1. It is the duty of a subordinate Lodge that may become acquainted with conduct unbecoming or unworthy an Odd Fellow, on the part of a visiting brother, to prefer charges against such visiting brother, and transmit a copy of the same, properly attested under the seal of the Lodge, to the Lodge of which the unworthy brother is a member.*—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 174.—(Jan. Session, 1847.)*

2. A brother is not liable to be tried upon charges preferred against him in the Lodge of which he is a member, after a card of clearance has been granted upon his application, although said card has not been delivered to him.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 219.—(July Session 1847.)*

3. On the trial of a brother in a subordinate Lodge, evidence of a person not a member of the order, after due notice to the brother charged, may be received on his affirmation of honor, but hear-say evidence cannot be received.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 290–299.—(July Session 1848.)*

4. A member of a subordinate Lodge can be tried in his absence, after the Lodge has used reasonable diligence to obtain service.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 285–300.*

5. For the purpose of notifying an absent brother under charges, it shall be deemed a legal notice if such Lodge shall under its seal, mail to said brother the usual notice, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, at least two months before such brother can be put on trial.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 448.—(Jan. Session 1850.)*

6. If a Lodge receive and place on file the written resignation of a brother, and treat him as having withdrawn from the order, it cannot at any future time arraign him for non-payment of dues which accrued previous to such resignation.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 305.—(July Session, 1849.)*

7. If a brother of a subordinate Lodge who has been suspended for leaving his family, shall return and state that he had no design of leaving them,

*NOTE.—In an aggravated case, where a visiting brother presented a regular card, and demanded admission into one of the Lodges in this state, it being known to brothers of the Lodge which he claimed the right to visit, that he had been guilty of conduct rendering him unfit to associate with them as an Odd Fellow, the Lodge took the responsibility of refusing him admission, and the action of the Lodge was reviewed and approved by the Grand Lodge.

and does now, and intends hereafter to provide for them, it depends upon the by-laws and vote of his lodge, whether or not he is entitled to be restored to his former standing in the Lodge, by the offer of paying up his dues.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 347.*

8. A member cannot be suspended by a subordinate Lodge, for non-payment of dues until he has received four week's notice in writing, after the expiration of the time (under the by-laws,) which made him liable to be arraigned.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 394.*—(*July Session, 1849.*)

9. The wilful neglect or refusal of a member of a subordinate Lodge, to appear and answer to charges preferred against him, constitute "contempt" within the meaning of the term as used.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 380.*

10. A member who has been suspended for the non-payment of his dues, can afterwards be expelled for criminal conduct.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, pp. 278-380.*

SECTION SIX.

APPEALS.

1. If upon an appeal to a Grand Lodge by a member of a subordinate Lodge, charged with violation of a known law of the order, the decision of the Lodge be reversed he may be reinstated without the consent of his subordinate lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 165.*—(*Jan. Session, 1847.*)

2. In an appeal under General Laws, art. 2, sec. 3, clause 5, a brother should immediately give notice of his intention to appeal from the decision of the committee; and afterwards should have reasonable time to make out and present to the Lodge the grounds why such an appeal is taken.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 285-300.*—(*July Session, 1848.*)

3. A subordinate Lodge cannot appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States, unless with the consent of its Grand Lodge, except in case of its expulsion, it having first surrendered its effects.—*Const. G. L. U. S., art. 1, as amended, Vol. 2, p. 145.*

4. If an appeal by a subordinate Lodge, from a State Grand Lodge upon a question in which an individual is interested, comes before the G. L. U. S., such individual is still subject to the laws of his State Grand Lodge, and occupies no different position on account of the appeal.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 163.*—(*January Session, 1847.*)

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS.

SECTION I.

ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTIONS.

1. No brother shall be eligible to the Chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term as V. G., nor shall any brother be eligible to the Chair of the V. G. unless he has served twenty-six nights in some inferior

office.—*General Laws, Art. 3, Sec. 3, as amended. Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 252-255—(Jan. Session, 1848.)*

2. Twenty-six nights service as an inferior officer in a subordinate Lodge, one half performed in one term and the balance in a succeeding term, does not render the officer so serving eligible to the Chair of the V. G., for if less than fourteen nights service has been performed during one term, (except to fill a vacancy,) the officer must serve the *whole* of the succeeding term.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 284, 348.*

3. Service for a bare majority of nights in a term, in a subordinate office, if it be by filling a vacancy, or if a new Lodge be instituted, will entitle the incumbent to the honors of office.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 348.*

4. Service of officers at special meetings will not contribute to the acquisition of honors as though performed at regular meetings.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 284-300.—(July Session, 1848.)*

5. If the chair of the N. G., V. G., or Secretary be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge, for non-attendance, the successor to such office will be entitled to receive the past official degrees.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 347.—(Jan. Session, 1849.)*

6. When the N. G. is entitled to a vote as a lay member, on questions of membership, and on the election of officers, and all other questions to the casting vote only, he is not entitled to give the casting vote when there is a tie in the election of one of the officers of the Lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 393.—(July Session, 1849.)*

7. When there are nominations before a subordinate Lodge, and although a brother *not in nomination* should receive a majority of all the votes cast, he shall not be declared elected.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 395.—(July Session, 1849.)*

8. The acceptance of a subordinate office in a Lodge by a Representative to the Grand Lodge, does not terminate his office of Representative.—*Pros. G. L., p. 348.—(Jan. Session, 1849.)*

9. For eligibility of a P. G. from another State to the office of Representative to our G. L., see *Pros., Vol. 1, pp. 248-255, Jan. Session, 1848.*

10. The Grand Lodge will not recognize any brother as Representative from a subordinate Lodge who was, at the time of his nomination and election, sitting N. G., unless he had previously passed that Chair, and served one term as Junior P. G.—*Pros. G. L., p. 439.—(Jan. Session, 1850.)*

11. It is necessary that nominations for the office of Representative to the Grand Lodge, should be made at an evening previous to their being voted for.—*Pros. G. L.—(July Session, 1850.)*

12. It is not necessary that a nomination for Elective offices should be supported.—*Pros. G. L.—(July Session, 1850.)*

13. A permanent Secretary is eligible to the Chair of N. G., without having served a term in an appointed office.—*Pros. G. L.*—(*July Session, 1850.*)

SECTION II.

INSTALLATIONS.

1. The necessary expenses of the Grand Master, the D. D. G. Master, or their substitutes, incurred in the installation of officers of a subordinate Lodge, will be paid by the Grand Lodge. Officers presenting such bills for expenses, should add thereto, a certificate over their own signatures, that the services rendered, and the amount of expenses charged is correct, adding, also, the number of miles traveled.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 256-346.*

2. D. D. G. Masters, Special Deputies, or other installing officers, are prohibited from installing the officers of Lodges, until said Lodges shall have placed in the possession of such officer, all necessary reports and certificates, and also the per centage due to the Grand Lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 295.*

3. A member can be legally installed who has been elected to an office with unpaid charges against him upon the books for assessments levied for special purposes.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 297.*—(*July, 1848.*)

4. It is competent for the Senior P. G. of a subordinate Lodge, to install its officers of the term, in the absence of the Grand Master or D. D. G. Master, without special authority for the same.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 347.*—(*Jan. Session, 1849.*)

5. When the necessity of the case requires it, the N. G. of a Lodge is competent to install his successor, in the absence of the Grand Master, or his Deputy, and of all Past Grands.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 112.*

6. It is proper at any regular meeting, after the close of the term, to install the officers of a Lodge.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 394.*—(*July, 1849.*)

7. The officers of a subordinate Lodge are installed according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the U. S. The Grand Master retains the privilege of installing the officers of any Lodge if he deem proper.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 2, p. 315.*—*By-Laws G. L. U. S., Art. 27.*

SECTION III.

DUTIES.

1. The officers of a subordinate Lodge cannot sign a certificate of membership presented by a brother.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 204.*—(*July Session, 1847.*)

2. A V. G. is fully competent to discharge all the duties of the N. G., and it is his duty to do so during the absence of the N. G.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 289*

3. N. G.'s in their charges to initiates, shall say "*semi-annual term*," instead of "*quarterly*."—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 349.*—(*Jan. Session, 1849.*)

4. Subordinate Lodges are requested to notify the Grand Secretary, during the interim of the sessions of this Grand Lodge, of all vacancies occurring among the elective officers of the current term, and, also, to give the names of officers elected to fill such vacancies.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 396.*

5. At a stated meeting of a subordinate Lodge, and in the absence of the N. G., the V. G. officiating for him, has the right to call a special meeting for conferring degrees, and has at such meeting (the N. G. being absent) the power to confer degrees.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 449.*

6. Officers of Lodges have no right to omit any of the charges in opening or closing.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 449.*

7. It is the duty of the I. G. to report the name of a brother who announces himself at the inside door during lodge hours, to the N. G., unless the N. G. has put the door in charge of the V. G.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 449.*—(*Jan. Session, 1850.*)

ARTICLE III.

R E G A L I A .

SECTION I.

WORKING REGALIA.

1. The regalia of a member who has taken only the initiatory degree is a plain white apron, without collar or any other badge of distinction.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 1, p. 541.*

2. All brothers above the initiatory degree, should wear collars as well as aprons.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 395.*—(*July Session 1849.*)

3. The aprons and collars of members of subordinate Lodges are White.

Those for members of 1st degree are trimmed with White,

“ “ “ “ 2nd “ “ “ “ Pink,

“ “ “ “ 3rd “ “ “ “ Blue,

“ “ “ “ 4th “ “ “ “ Green,

“ “ “ “ 5th “ “ “ “ Scarlet,

The N. G. wears a Scarlet Regalia trimmed with White or Silver.

The V. G. “ “ Blue “ “ “ “ “

The Sec'y “ “ Green “ “ “ “ “

The Treas. “ “ Green “ “ “ “ “

The supporters of the N. G. wear Scarlet Sashes.

The “ “ V. G. “ Blue “

The Warden and Conductor “ Black “

The Scene supporters “ White “

The Chaplain wears a White Sash.—*By-Laws G. L. U. S., Art. 25.*

4. Past Grands wear scarlet Collars or Sashes, and Aprons, either *white* trimmed with *scarlet*, or *scarlet* trimmed with *white*. The Aprons and Collars of Past Grands may be trimmed with silver lace or fringe. Those who have taken the R. P. degree, may have trimmings of *yellow* metal.—*By-Laws G. L., U. S. Art. 25.*

5. All members of a subordinate Lodge may wear rosettes, displaying the colors of the degrees they have taken,—*By-Laws G. L. U. S., Art. 25.*

6. The Jewel for P. G. is a.....Five Pointed Star.

“ “ N. G. is.....Crossed Gavils.

“ “ V. G. is an.....Hour Glass.

“ “ Sec’y is.....Crossed Pens.

“ “ Treas. is.....Crossed Keys.

“ “ Warden is.....Crossed Wands.

“ “ Conductor is.....Crossed Axes.

“ “ Guardian is.....Crossed Swords.

7. It is imperative upon Grand and Subordinate Lodges to furnish officers with Jewels, and also for members to be clothed in suitable regalia.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 156.*

8. Past officers and all other members of the Order, when visiting Grand or Subordinate Lodges, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degree which they have taken.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 300.—(July Session, 1848)*

9. The Grand Lodge has power to pass such laws on the subject of Regalia as may be adapted to its own wishes or views, and the state of public sentiment.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 105.*

SECTION TWO.

FUNERAL REGALIA.

1. The regalia to be worn by all brothers attending the funeral of a deceased brother is as follows: a black crape rosette, having a center of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of ever-green; and below it (if the wearer be an officer or past officer) the jewel or jewels which, as such he may be entitled to wear.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 2, pp. 357-358. —Pros. G. L., Vol. 1. p. 300.—(July Session 1848.)*

2. The regalia prescribed as Odd Fellows' regalia, may be worn instead of, or in conjunction with the funeral regalia, as the subordinate Lodges according to circumstance may determine.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 332.—(Jan. Session, 1849.)*

ARTICLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

1. All publications purporting to be exclusive organs of the order are discountenanced.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 303.*—(*July Session, 1846.*)

2. A subordinate Lodge may occupy a lodge room in conjunction with a lodge room of the Masonic Order.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 392.*—(*July Session 1849.*)

3. It is competent for a Lodge by vote to suspend the order of business, and resume a rule which has been declared passed, but the order as laid down must be gone through with.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 448.*

4. The odes cannot be sung in public.—(*Ibid.*)

5. By enactment alone on the part of a Grand Lodge, can authority for the delivery of lectures on Odd Fellowship be conferred. The Grand Master of himself has no such authority.—*Pros. G. L. U. S., Vol. 3, p. 270.*

6. A Lodge whose by-laws do not provide the mode of raising a library fund, cannot by a resolution lay an assessment upon its members to establish such a fund, or appropriate from its general fund an amount to raise such a specific fund.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 374.*—(*July Ses. 1849.*)

7. Each subordinate Lodge shall pay semi-annually as dues, five per centum of all amounts received for initiations, deposit of cards, degrees, and dues; and it is expressly provided that the Grand Lodge shall not have claims on any sums received as interest on investments, or widow and orphan fund, or education tax, or special donations. In case the funds of the Grand Lodge shall fail, the deficiency shall be made up by assessments on the subordinate lodges.—*Const. Art. 5, Sec. 2, as amended.*—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 301.*—(*July Session 1848.*)

8. For form of circular to be granted by Grand Master, for the use of subordinate lodges when applying for pecuniary aid.—*Sec. ros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 163.*

9. For manner of forming public processions, *See Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, p. 128.*

10 Subordinate Lodges have not the right to fine members for non-attendance at funerals, or special meetings, without actual notice, requiring such attendance.—*Pros. G. L., Vol. 1, pp. 446-450.*

11. A Subordinate Lodge cannot hold special meetings, if its by-Laws do not provide for the calling of such meetings.—*Pros. G. L.,*—(*July session, 1850.*)

12. A Subordinate Lodge can suspend a By-Law without the consent of the Grand Lodge, for one night only.—*Pros G. L. of Mich.,*—(*July Session, 1850.*)

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